

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on January 22, 2024, at 5:30 P.M., in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

A. Mayor Corcoran called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:35 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioners Andresen, Korpi, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran

ABSENT: None

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024.

2) Review and Place on File:

a. Ironwood Carnegie Library Board Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023.

b. Ironwood Carnegie Library Board Special Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2024.

c. Ironwood Housing Commission Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

D. Approval of the Agenda.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, and carried, to approve the Agenda as presented.*

E. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.

2. Cash and Investment Summary Report.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending December 31, 2023, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for December 2023.*

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

*Motion was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpi, to approve the Check Register Report for December 2023 as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

G. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit).

*There were none.*

H. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit).

*There were none.*

## OLD BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and consider approval of a \$4,563.67 invoice from Gogebic County 911 for Ironwood Public Safety cell phones.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to approve a \$4,563.67 invoice from Gogebic County 911 for Ironwood Public Safety cell phones. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #4, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$1,821.75 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to approve Change Order #4, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$1,821.75 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and consider approving Payment #3, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$141,475.43 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve Payment #3, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$141,475.43 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and consider approving the Rural Development Pay Package #6 in the amount of \$368,548.07 for the City of Ironwood – Water Treatment Plant Phase I Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve the Rural Development Pay Package #6 in the amount of \$368,548.07 for the City of Ironwood – Water Treatment Plant Phase I Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- M. Discuss and consider the revised acreage for the sale of the Liberty Street Industrial Park property to Enbridge.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve the revised sale from 8.36 acres to 10.525 acres within the Industrial Park property located on Liberty Street for \$21,050 (\$2,000 per acre) plus all associated closing costs and legal fees. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

## NEW BUSINESS

- N. Discuss and consider Resolution #024-001, 2024-2028 Five Year Park and Recreation Plan. (FIVE YEAR PARK AND RECREATION PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON THE CITY WEBSITE: [5-parks-and-recreation-2024-update-draft-pdf-11-2-meg](#).)

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to adopt Resolution #024-001, 2024-2028 Five Year Park and Recreation Plan. (FIVE YEAR PARK AND RECREATION PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON THE CITY WEBSITE: 5-parks-and-recreation-2024-update-draft-pdf-11-2-meg. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Discuss and consider Resolution #024-002, a Resolution in support of Invest UP's Grant

Application for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Strategic Site Readiness Program to develop a feasibility study for the expansion of the Ironwood Industrial Park.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to adopt Resolution #024-002, a Resolution in support of Invest UP's Grant Application for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Strategic Site Readiness Program to develop a feasibility study for the expansion of the Ironwood Industrial Park. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

P. Discuss and consider a Plowing for Pizza Partnership Agreement with Domino's for a \$25,000 Snow Plowing/Removal Grant and authorize the City Manager to sign.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Plowing for Pizza Partnership Agreement with Domino's for a \$25,000 Snow Plowing/Removal Grant and authorize the City Manager to sign. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Q. Discuss and consider Resolution #024-003 recognizing Team-Z as a non-profit organization operating in the community for obtaining Charitable Gaming Licenses.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to adopt Resolution #024-003 recognizing Team-Z as a non-profit organization operating in the community for obtaining Charitable Gaming Licenses. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

R. Manager's Report.

*City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:*

#### *Manager Updates*

- *The Phase 1 of the water plant project continues with CD Smith Construction. The East wall of garage is getting a 35 CY, 16' high, pour on Thursday of this week. Next week will have a 55 CY deck pour. Mild temperatures this week and next are favorable for this work.*
- *The \$3MIL lead service line replacement project continues with Jakes Excavating. Jakes took last week off because of the below zero temperatures but is continuing work this week with the mild weather.*
- *Last week at the Water Plant, we had a pole mounted bucket transformer that blew for our Spring Creek well field. Our operator Bill Tregembo did an excellent job coordinating service work by Xcel Energy and Jolma Electric. Bill worked through the night to ensure that the City water supply was uninterrupted by using water from our second well field over at Big Springs. Jolma Electric switched out the transformer with a temporary transformer and has ordered a new transformer for replacement. City staff are currently evaluating what additional work, if any, is necessary for preparing for future emergencies.*
- *The Curry Park electrical project and the Jessieville Water Tank improvement projects are currently in for State review and permitting. The Jessieville Water Tank is out for bids.*
- *Staff and I are working on numerous other project bidding documents to be put out in the weeks and months to come.*

#### *Managers Updates*

- *The last Jack Frost Festival event is January 27th for the Light up the Night Christmas Tree Burn at the Norrie Club at 7 PM.*

- *Reminder that Curry Park Campground Reservations will open up on 2/5/24 this year instead of the normal first business day in January. This is due to the switchover of booking platforms.*
- *The first City Commission Goal Setting session will be Wednesday 1/24/24 at 4 PM.*
- *We are currently scheduling interviews for the IPSD Administrative Assistant position. The hiring process will take the better part of the next month.*
- *The gymnasium here in the Memorial Building has been consistently booked, between pickleball and basketball and many other activities. It's such a great asset to have for our community. We are currently scheduling work in the gym men's locker room, bathroom and shower to get the walls scraped and painted and to get the bathroom plumbing working again. Also, I have ordered two new basketball hoops that are adjustable from 8' to 10' which will aide in the youth basketball program for our local school system.*
- *I will be downstate in Lansing next week for the Michigan Municipal Executives Winter Institute conference. I'm looking forward to two full days of great work sessions with managers from around the State.*

S. Other Matters.

Commissioner Korpi requested to be excused from the February 12, 2024 meeting.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to excuse Commissioner Korpi from the February 12, 2024 meeting.*

Mayor Corcoran thanked Bill Tregembo for his dedication with the transformer emergency at the Water Plant. Mayor Corcoran also encouraged the public to attend the Norrie Club Tree Burn, which includes fireworks, hot dogs and s'mores.

Commissioner Mildren thanked Bill Tregembo for his power outage response, IPSD for their fire response and the DPW plow crews. He also mentioned the needed improvements to the aged ice making system at the Civic Center, citing it as one of Ironwood's greatest assets with many uses.

T. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 P.M.*

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk