

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on April 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 5:30 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 April 8, 2024.

b. Special City Commission Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2024.

2) Review and Place on File:

a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024.

b. Human Relations and Equity Committee Quarterly Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024.

3) Approve Sale of:

a. Ironwood American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #5-Flag Day Sale Fundraiser on June 14, 2024.

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

D. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to amend the Agenda to add Unfinished Business Item Q. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #8, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$99,571.10, for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

E. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve the Check Register Report for March 2024 as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

F. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit). *John Frello, Veterans Representative, spoke on New Business Agenda Item R, stating that he respectfully requests that the City consider funding the services provided by the Gogebic County Council of Veterans Affairs.*

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

There were none.

H. Presentation – Lynne Wiercinski, Library Director, Library Update.

Lynne provided an update to the City Commission on an ALA Grant that the library received last year for programing opportunities that also allowed the Library to install an ADA Compliant

restroom facility on the first floor of the Library. That project is complete, and the patrons are really enjoying the programs and new accessible facility. In addition to the ALA Grant, the Library was also awarded \$750,000 of the \$2.5 million applied for in funding through the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). The Library intends to use the funds for additional library renovations and adding a 1,000 square foot addition. Many exciting things are happening at the Library and the Commission thanked Lynne and her team at the Library for the excellent work they do.

- I. Presentation – Certificates of Appreciation presented to Steve Frank and Donny Peterson for their years of dedication and ongoing roadside clean-up efforts in and around the City of Ironwood.

In honor of Earth Day, the City of Ironwood presented Steve Frank and Donny Peterson with Certificates of Appreciation for their dedicated volunteer efforts doing roadside clean-up in and around the City of Ironwood. Steve provided the Commission and Public with several impressive stats from their years of dedicated efforts. A few stats include Steve and Donny each pick up over 8,000 cigarette butts annually. Over 600 tires have been collected and disposed of between the duo since beginning clean-up efforts four years ago. In 2023 counting the number of standard size 13-gallon trash bags collected, Steve reported 456 trash bags were filled and disposed of. Steve and the City Commission encourage others to join in following suit and clean-up when and where they can.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- J. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #7, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$1,286.25 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve Change Order #7, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$1,286.25 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 #6, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$38,631.83 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to approve Payment #6, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$38,631.83 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 Change Order #3 for CD Smith, which is an increase of \$20,366.69 for the Water Treatment Plant Phase I Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve Change Order #3 for CD Smith, which is an increase of \$20,366.69 for the 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 approving Change Order #4 for CD Smith, which is an increase of \$54,253.99 for the Water Treatment Plant Phase I Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to approve Change Order #4 for CD Smith, which is an increase of \$54,253.99 for the Water Treatment Plant Phase I Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

N. Discuss and consider awarding the bid for the 2024 Curry Park Electrical Update Project to Northland Electric DS, Inc., in the amount of \$64,633.00.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to award the bid for the 2024 Curry Park Electrical Update Project to Northland Electric DS, Inc., in the amount of \$64,633.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

O. Discuss and consider awarding the bid for the 2024 Bituminous Crack Sealing Project to Pitlik and Wick, LLC., in the amount of \$109,706.25.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to award the bid for the 2024 Bituminous Crack Sealing Project to Pitlik and Wick, LLC., in the amount of \$109,706.25. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

P. Discuss and consider the sale of Surplus Property located at 238 E. Ayer Street, described as Parcels 2752-22-183-040 and 2752-22-183-050, for \$5,950 which includes the appraised value plus all legal fees.

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Q. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #8, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$99,571.10, for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

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NEW BUSINESS

R. Discuss and consider the Gogebic County Council of Veteran's Affairs Request.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to have the City develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Ironwood and the Gogebic County Council of Veteran's Affairs for Veteran Services that can be presented to the City Commission at a future meeting for consideration. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

S. Discuss and consider approving the American Rescue Plan State Revolving Fund Grant Agreement and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and the City of Ironwood for Phase II of the Water Treatment Plant and authorize the City Manager to sign.

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II of the Water Treatment Plant and authorize the City Manager to sign. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

T. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:

Engineering Updates

- Phase 1 of the water plant project continues with CD Smith Construction. Exterior masonry work is currently occurring in addition to exterior concrete flatwork. Local Subcontractor Snow Country Contracting will begin work soon on exterior piping work to tie the new facility into the existing wells and main lines into Town. Roofing will be going on in May and early June. CD Smith will be done with their part of the work by July and then it will be subcontractors working on electrical/mechanical items the rest of this summer and fall.*
- Phase 2 of the water plant is under design by HDR. Plans should be going in for permit in the coming weeks with bidding hopefully in June - August with construction beginning summer 2025.*
- The \$3MIL lead service line replacement project continues with Jakes Excavating. They have one service line crew working full time replacing services. They have taken about 200 addresses off our list to date. They have replaced around 115 galvanized services with copper to date. 5 of those had the service replaced all the way from the house to the main line, with the remainder being from just the house to the curb stop (known as the "private side").*
- Phase 5 water system design continues by Coleman Engineering, as we wait for USDA Rural Development to get back to our funding request for sewer system improvements. We are planning to do Phase 5A where we will be issuing a few streets out to bid this summer where there is water only. Those streets under that first phase are: Lake Ave, Albany (Hemlock to Norrie St), Fredrick (Albany to Lowell), a little piece of Lawrence north of Francis to the highway, and lastly is Nightingale between Francis and Coolidge.*

Managers Updates

- We have completed the first phase of some major file purging in the pool room and some other storage rooms in the building. Files that are past their required file retention time were hauled out and shredded by a professional shredding company. Approximately 250 banker boxes of paper that were many decades old were removed from. As time allows next year, we will look at doing the next phase. We did find some cool 100+ year old Assessing Roles that were all handwritten in perfect penmanship. The City donated these to the historic society.*
- The clerk's office is working towards the May 7th school general operating millage special election. The 439 Absentee Voter ballots are out with 283 currently received back in and will continue to be received until election day. There will be no early voting for the May election. The public accuracy testing of the voting machines will be performed tomorrow at 9 AM. After the May election, we will still have elections on August 6th for the State Primary and November 5th for the General Election.*
- Our budgeting process continues to be in progress. Paul Linn and I are finalizing the budgets to work towards making a presentation at an upcoming budgeting workshop with the Commission.*
- We are still accepting applications for summer seasonal help in the DPW. Applications should be submitted to the Clerk's office.*
- Spring Cleanup Days for Ironwood Residents will be Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 4th at IPSD.*

- *Our DPW will be performing water main flushing the week of May 5th-10th. Discoloration and change in pressure are expected while the system is being flushed.*
- *Compost Site will be opening Thursday May 2nd. The hours posted at the site will remain the same this year.*

U. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo thanked the City Staff for keeping all the Projects moving forward. Commissioner Semo also mentioned going to a presentation put on by the Chamber regarding the financial impact on Arts & Culture and Tourism have on local areas. He did ask about having a Presentation on Arts & Culture take place at a future City Commission meeting.

V. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 P.M.*

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk