

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Work Session

A Work Session with the Ironwood City Commission to discuss the City of Ironwood Commission Goals for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget took place on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 4:30 P.M. in the Auditorium, 213 S. Marquette Street, Ironwood, MI 49938.

PRESENT: Commissioners Andresen, Korpela, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Scott Erickson, Finance Director/Treasurer Paul Linn, City Clerk Wendy Hagstrom, Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio, Utilities Manager Bob Tervonen, Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer Jason Alonen, Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson, and Community Development Director Tom Bergman.

Finance Director Paul Linn reviewed with the City Commission the 2022-2023 budget schedule.

City Manager Erickson then opened the discussion, asking the Commissioners to provide their goals for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. The following list was created:

- Efficiency of lawn equipment. Types of grass/mix to plant requiring less mowing. Wildflowers to replace some acreage. Perhaps approach Parks & Rec.
- Address downtown caregiver marijuana issues to mitigate impact on downtown.
- Increase safety in Parks and Iron Belle Trail. (Safety Committee)
- Develop a communication system for citizens to sign up for. Automated texts.
- Develop an economic plan for agricultural products/business.
- Recreational authority to expand city rec services and opportunities.
- Housing shortage. (To also address Air B&B, improve housing stock, new housing) Workshop needed.
- Sidewalk Plan. (Including summer and winter) Walkability.
- Focus on downtown entrance signs.
- Keep TIF moving. (Downtown Plan works in conjunction)
- Camping in Norrie Park and/or Miners Park. Strictly tent camping. Enhance camping in City, including Curry Park Campground.
- Neighborhood Parks.
- Tie into Copper Peak Expansion – winter and summer opportunities - i.e., snowmaking and snow storage.
- Develop co-workspace – utilize Invent U.P. & Invest U.P. to coordinate funding.
- Rec or Community Center.
- Blight.
- Streets.
- Memorial Building 100-year anniversary in 2023 – planning needed.
- Wayfinder signs.

Further discussion of this matter took place. For many of the goals, it was noted enhanced communication with the City Commission and Parks and Rec as well as other committees will need to take place. One suggestion was to have the ex-officio members present updates at the City Commission meetings.

The work session adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Wendy L. Hagstrom, City Clerk