

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held in person and via Zoom at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, August 22, 2022.

A. Mayor Corcoran called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Andresen, Korpela, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.\*

\*1) Approval of Minutes – Regular City Commission Meeting of August 8, 2022

\*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Ironwood Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022.

b. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022.

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

D. Approval of the Agenda.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda.*

E. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

Finance Director/Treasurer Paul Linn noted that the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report as well as the Cash and Investment Summary Report for the month ending July 31, 2022 will be available at the first meeting next month.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for July 2022. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

## H. City Engineer Project Updates.

City Engineer Scott Erickson spoke to the Commission on the status of active construction projects in the City of Ironwood as the end of summer approaches. He touched base on the Department of Public Works Garage Siding Project. It is turning out nice and is situated on the Northeast corner of building. It will be a long-term improvement of the building. Four doors were also replaced with a push pad locking system. He noted that on the Agenda is to consider additional work, to replace some of the soffit and a wall that had insulation that got wet. He recommended to get it replaced to finish up that project. The Street Patching Project with Angelo Luppino is another item on the Agenda for payment. He noted they will be coming back to finish up projects as there is a lot of work going on. Another large project is the Francis Street Water and Sewer Project with Jake's Excavating that is moving along well. They are working on the intersection at Douglas Boulevard which will be closed a few weeks more. The Service Line Investigation Project, DWAM, is being completed by Jake's Excavating. Information is getting pulled together, and they are doing restoration now. The Watermain Intersection Repair Project is now complete. Final restoration and landscaping will be finished up. The Mountain Bike Trail Project is at around 6 miles now and moving along. The Sewer Lining Project is also on tonight's agenda. A bid is being presented for lining of sanitary sewers downtown and some alleyways. There is one bid that came in, and it is under the estimated project cost.

## OLD BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and consider approval of Pay Application #1 to Jake's Excavating & Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$185,157.90 for the City of Ironwood 2022 Sewer and Water Project, using Water and Sewer Funds and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Interim City Manager Andrew DiGiorgio referred to the information Engineer Scott Erickson had presented to the Commission, stating that this is a pay package.

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- J. Discuss and consider authorizing Payment # 6 to Flowtrack Mountain Bike Trails, LLC in the amount of \$17,938.05 for the MDNR Trust Fund Mountain Bike Trail Project in Miners Memorial Park.

Andrew DiGiorgio stated that the FlowTrack payment request is being made for the sixth payment. The end of September is the scheduled completion date. He encouraged the community to get out and support the new trails. Commissioner Semo stated he was putting out a call about the "Iron Bowl" ski jump area where the trail is being developed now. He noted it is a beautiful piece of trail. He is looking for information.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to authorize Payment # 6 to Flowtrack Mountain Bike Trails, LLC in the amount of \$17,938.05 for the MDNR Trust Fund Mountain Bike Trail Project in Miners Memorial Park. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and consider approval of Pay Application #3 to Jake's Excavating & Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$53,654.58 for the City of Ironwood Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Grant Project, using a combination of grant funding and local funding from the City Water Fund and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Interim City Manager Andrew DiGiorgio confirmed with the City Commission this project is near completion now. Request was made for payment.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela to approve Pay Application #3 to Jake's Excavating & Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$53,654.58 for the City of Ironwood Drinking Water Asset management (DWAM) Grant Project, using a combination of grant funding and local funding from the City Water Fund and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and consider approval of Payment #1 to Nasi Construction, LLC in the amount of \$96,004.80 for the Department of Public Works (DPW) Garage Siding Replacement Project.

Interim City Manager Andrew DiGiorgio affirmed the DPW Garage looks very nice now, and this was a good project.

***Motion** was made by Andresen, seconded by Mildren to approve Payment #1 to Nasi Construction, LLC in the amount of \$96,004.80 for the Department of Public Works (DPW) Garage Siding Replacement Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- M. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #1 for the Department of Public Works (DPW) Garage Siding Replacement Project for an increased project cost of \$16,016.00.

Interim City Manager Andrew DiGiorgio noted that there are two additional costs associated with the Garage Siding Replacement Project with Nasi Construction, LLC which they came across in regards to the damage to the building and thought it was an appropriate time to address concerns discovered. He recommended the increased project cost.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve Change Order #1 for the Department of Public Works (DPW) Garage Siding Replacement Project for an increased project cost of \$16,016.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Discuss and consider approval of Pay Application #5 to Angelo Luppino, Inc., for the 2021 Local Street Paving Program in the amount of \$40,170.09.

Interim City Manager Andrew DiGiorgio confirmed this application is payment for work completed.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to approve Pay Application #5 to Angelo Luppino, Inc., for the 2021 Local Street Paving Program in the amount of \$40,170.09. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Discuss and consider approving easements with Northern States Power Company for powerline improvement.

City Engineer Scott Erickson noted the format has been re-worked and presented to the Commission. Changes were noted as this runs through Miners Memorial Park. The money received can be earmarked for parks or go into the general fund. Additional maps have been provided. Commissioner Semo noted he had a good conversation with a representative with NSP. They agreed no herbicides would be used in Miners Memorial Park. Xcel Energy/NSP will go back and come up with a new dollar amount for the value of the land. Restoration was discussed as well as the width of the easement itself. Request was made to be sensitive when clearing. He suggested to approve two of the easements. Tamarack street was noted that the easement goes over Tank Hill. He supported holding the third easement until it is revised.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Brogan Street Easement and Tamarack Street Easement with Northern States Power Company for powerline improvement, with no action taken on the Miners Memorial Park Easement pending further revision. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

P. Discuss and consider authorizing bids and awarding contract for the 2023 Sewer Lining Project to Visu-Sewer, Inc. in the amount of \$451,125.00 using Sewer Funds.

City Engineer Scott Erickson again noted this is for the downtown sewer lines. The one bid that came in was under bid which was estimated at around \$500,000.00.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, to authorize bids and award a contract for the 2023 Sewer Lining Project to Visu-Sewer, Inc. in the amount of \$451,125.00 using Sewer Funds. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

Q. Discuss and consider adoption of Resolution #022-020, Mayor's Proclamation recognizing the week of September 4 through September 10, 2022 as National Suicide Prevention Week.

Patrick Gallinagh of the Range Suicide Prevention Council asked the Commission to declare the week of September 4 through September 10, 2022 as National Suicide Prevention week. Last year, we lost 46,000 Americans so suicide. About 125 people every single day. 20 percent of the individuals are Veterans. He noted the key word is prevention. He also stated the quilts are on display outside of the Chambers, and he would like to display the quilts in the lobby of the Memorial Building as in the past for the designated week. Crisis line calls have increased which is good news that people are reaching out. He thanked the community for supporting them. Donations have reached over \$100,000 for the local Range Suicide Prevention Council, with \$20,000 last year to the Jonathan A. Erickson fund. He stated they still have a long way to go.

Mayor Corcoran thanked everyone in the community for their support. She followed by reading Resolution #022-020.

Commissioner Semo noted it would be good for them know what tools are available. Mr. Gallinagh stated the cards he is putting out on the display at the Memorial Building will be very helpful, and which state "Know the Symptoms of Depression". It also describes how important it is to intervene. There is now in effect the new "988" international number to call. He also

stated individuals can take advantage of our local Community Mental Health.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to adopt Resolution #022-020, Mayor's Proclamation recognizing the week of September 4, through September 10, 2022 as National Suicide Prevention Week. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

R. Discuss and consider authorizing quote from Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$9,796.00 for exterior ramp repair to the Ironwood Municipal Memorial Building, using budgeted funds.

Interim City Manager Andrew DiGiorgio noted it is the entrance located across from All Saints that is in need of repairs. Two quotes have been received. He recommended moving forward with that project.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela to authorize quote from Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$9,796.00 for exterior ramp repair to the Ironwood Municipal Memorial Building, using budgeted funds. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

S. Manager's Report.

Interim City Manager Andrew DiGiorgio verbally gave the Manager's report noting the following items:

- \* He stated it is pretty impressive to see the work being done during the summer in the City of Ironwood.
- \* One of the items that a citizen presented to the Commission in the past is placing garbage cans throughout the City for garbage collection 4-5 cans have now been received and will be strategically placed out in the next few weeks. They will do a trial run and see where it leads.
- \* Little League Playground Equipment is moving forward. The DPW is beginning prep work to place that equipment. This will be a great asset to one of our parks.
- \* Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> ; 8:00 -2:00 on Friday and 8:00 -11:00 on Saturday at the Public Safety Facility. It will be a similar format, which works well. This is a great opportunity to clean up our community.
- \* CityFest takes place tomorrow at City Square with music, biking, and food.
- \* Range Art Association's show continues in the Memorial Building. Art is on display, and some is for sale. He noted there is very talented work on display.
- \* A welcome was noted to Jay Kivisto, who is scheduled to start September 6<sup>th</sup> as the new Civic Center Manager. He is expecting great things. The Civic Center Board is eager to have him start, and he noted we will support him in every way we can.
- \* He thanked Mr. Gallinagh, noting he works in law enforcement and affirmed mental health is a big problem, He noted Mr. Gallinagh is a great advocate, and has been for many, many years. Again, he thanked him for his support and tireless work toward educating the public.

Commissioner Mildren noted the support needed for the Civic Center. We need people in the community to remember you can use that space, rent it out for weddings, get-togethers. It's a beautiful facility. The Iron Belle Trail has increased activity, but he wanted to note the area behind Red's Auto is a dangerous area. Designation for an ATV trail is a problem back there. They need to

get busy on stop signs because speed increases, and they need to stop. Interim City Manager Andrew DiGiorgio said they will take a ride out there tomorrow. Safety is our priority.

T. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo requested an update on the activity at Luxmore and Ayer. Community Development Director Tom Bergman noted it's Ottawa Innovations who is affiliated with Higher Love that is clearing out the property. RIZE opening is scheduled to be at the beginning of September, but no firm date has been set. RIZE is working with the Building Inspector, Dennis Hewitt to move forward.

Commissioner Mildren discussed City Square with regard to the number of children using it, and we have succeeded. When children know a community stands behind them, it helps.

Commissioner Andresen stated tomorrow is the first day of school, bus drivers will be out there, and students will be biking and walking to school. He noted school is starting earlier than past years and just a reminder to be aware.

U. Consider Closed Session:

1. Pursuant to MCL 15.286(d).
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3. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to enter closed session at 6:15 p.m. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

V. Return to Open Session.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried to return to open session at 7:15 p.m.*

W. Discuss and consider authorizing city staff to place a bid on Parcel # 52-22-376-040 at 205 West Aurora Street, Ironwood, MI 49938.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, to authorize city staff to place a bid on Parcel #52-22-376-040 at 205 West Aurora Street, Ironwood, MI 49938. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

X. Discuss and consider Water Treatment Plant and Pumping Facility bids.

Commissioner Semo noted he would be making the motion using the two-phased approach as discussed.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, to reject all bids for the Water Treatment Plant and authorize bids for Phase I to build the shell of the building and construct the pumping station portions of the project, utilizing the \$9,631,000 of USDA Rural Development funds. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Y. Adjournment.

*Motion* was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Wendy L. Hagstrom, City Clerk