

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held in person and via Zoom for the Public on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

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

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Korpela, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran.

ABSENT: Commissioner Mildren (excused) and Commissioner Andresen.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

*1) Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2022.

*2) Review and Place on File:

a. DIDA Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2022.

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

D. Oath of Office – Interim City Clerk.

Previous City Clerk Wendy Hagstrom administered the Oath of Office to the Interim City Clerk Karen Gullan.

E. Approval of the Agenda.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, and carried to approve the amended agenda correcting item Q. Consider Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268(a), adding item R. Return to Open Session, correcting item S. to read Discuss and Consider Action on the Public Safety Director's evaluation, adjustments, and other City Staff, and change item S. to item T. Adjournment.*

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

Randall Kasich, of 342 Lake Ave. requested a copy of the past City Clerk's resignation letter.

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

Don Maki, of 132 Smith Street questioned the City Commission on the Right of Way on Smith and Southwest Street and felt it was his property. Mr. Maki also questioned the City

Commission on the Wells Fargo building, along with his dismay with the trails and felt they should be multi use.

Steve Frank, of 220 E. Oak Street expressed his dismay with blight and mentioned several properties still having blight. He further noted he has picked up many bags of garbage throughout the City of Ironwood.

Mayor Corcoran thanked him for picking up the garbage and concurred with him regarding the City of Ironwood blight policy. Further discussion of this matter took place.

H. City Engineer Project Updates.

City Engineer Scott Erickson updated the City Commission regarding the following projects.

- *Francis Street water project is finishing up and looking good.
- *Water Plant Project came in over budget and City Staff will be bringing this item back to the City Commission in the very near future with an updated schedule for Phase I and II.
- *Mt. Bike Trail project is almost done for this year with 8 miles of trail built.
- *Curry Park new gravel camping pad approach improvements have been finished.
- *Little League Field Playground Equipment was installed over the weekend with the DPW adding wood chips underneath and around the playground equipment.
- *Intersection replacement project came in under budget and was completed.
- *City Staff is looking into a possible future project through EGLE for Phase II of the Water Plant.
- *City Staff is also looking into applying for a Phase V grant opportunity that has been on the City of Ironwood's radar for some time.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and consider authorizing quote from Davies Water in the amount of \$6,300.00 for the installation of (1) 4" Insert or EZ Valve on the water service line of 205 West Aurora Street.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela to authorize quote from Davies Water in the amount of \$6,300.00 for the installation of (1) 4" Insert or EZ Valve on the water service line of 205 West Aurora Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and consider authorizing Payment # 9 to Flowtrack Mountain Bike Trails, LLC in the amount of \$13,080.58 for the MDNR Trust Fund Mountain Bike Trail Project in Miners' Memorial Heritage Park.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela to authorize Payment # 9 to Flowtrack Mountain Bike Trails, LLC in the amount of \$13,080.58 for the MDNR Trust Fund Mountain Bike Trail Project in Miners' Memorial Heritage Park. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Consider approval of Change Order No. 1 for the City of Ironwood – Intersection Replacement Project to Ruotsala Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$15,643.00 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela to approve Change Order No. 1 for the City of Ironwood – Intersection Replacement Project to Ruotsala Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$15,643.00 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- L. Discuss and consider approving the invoice from Fahrner Excavating in the amount of \$5,600.00 for gravel construction at Curry Park Campground driveway approaches.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela to approve the invoice from Fahrner Excavating in the amount of \$5,600.00 for gravel construction at Curry Park Campground driveway approaches. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #022-026, Temporary Modification to Benefit Provisions related to the 2020 First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela to adopt Resolution #022-026, Temporary Modification to Benefit Provisions related to the 2020 First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Discuss and consider approving the sale of Ironwood Public Safety Department duty weapon (Andrew Leiphart) to the Ironwood Professional Police Association for \$1.00 to be presented to Officer Andrew Leiphart with his retirement.

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- O. Manager's Report.

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

- *Plaidurday was very enjoyable with one of the largest crowds with 738 attending.*
- *The Pat O'Donnell Civic Center is now open and had a great weekend.*
- *The Wells Fargo Bank is under City control and the City is in the process of getting the power and utilities on.*
- *The Little League Field playground equipment was installed over the weekend.*
- *The Department of Public Works with their busy schedule was able to remove the baskets from downtown.*
- *The USDA Project came in under budget.*

*City Staff will be working with an arborist to look at the City of Ironwood downtown trees and advise the City on how to maintain them.

P. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo noted how amazing Plaidurday was and how he was very proud of the community. He also thanked City Staff for planning all the events along with thanking DPW Supervisor Bob Richards and the water department crew for taking care of the leak that was in front of his house on the street.

Q. Consider Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268(a).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela to enter Closed Session at 6:13 p.m. pursuant to the Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268(a). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

R. Return to Open Session.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela and carried to return to open session at 6:41 P.M.

S. Discuss and Consider Action on the Public Safety Director's evaluation, adjustments, and other City Staff.

No action was taken at this time. The Commissioners' requested a full commission be present.

T. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 P.M.

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, Interim City Clerk