

Proceeding of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on November 14, 2022 at 5:30 P.M., along with a Public Hearings at 5:25 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

1. Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing at 5:25 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on Resolution #022-028, a Resolution Ordering Removal and Abatement of a blight violation of Pha Xiong at 127 E. Oak Street (parcel #52-27-203-100) and 123 E. Oak Street (parcel #52-27-203-110).

Code Enforcement Officer Jason Alonen addressed the Ironwood City Commission noted that three (3) letters were sent since the first notice and nothing has been done. He informed the City Commission that there is still debris and appliances on this property.

Donald Morrison, the property owner explained to the City Commission that he has been getting rid of his grandpa's stuff and has made a lot of progress. He further noted he has lived his whole life in Wakefield and loves Gogebic County and the City of Ironwood.

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street disagreed with the property owners making progress. He felt the bar was set too low. He also noted there is scrap metal, large trucks, appliances, ATV's, etc. Mr. Frank would like to see the things behind the fence also removed since the City removed other property owners' junk behind a fence. He urged the City to do it completely. Additional comments were received.

3. Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing at 5:30 P.M.
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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:

- a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2022.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Ironwood Carnegie Library Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2022.
- b. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022.

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 Korpela, and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

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

There were none.

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

Steve Frank, of 212 E. Oak Street addressed the City Commission and stated to be fair the City should not just pick on one individual. He further expressed his dismay with his neighborhood, and how he is so tired of all the garbage and junk in yards around town. Additional comments were received.

Randall Kashich, of 342 Lake Ave. addressed the City Commission stating all the streets are open to snowmobiles to and from the trail except the highway. He noted the road by the Kwik Trip should have been planned wider to accommodate traffic for big trucks. He also complained about the housing issues in Ironwood and the 157 Airbnb's and felt the City should do something about them. Additional comments were received.

G. City Engineer Project Updates.

City Engineer Paul Anderson updated the City Commission regarding the following projects.

*Jake's Excavating is working on the punch list for the Francis Street Project.

*Flowtrack will be working on the mountain bike pump and skill track until the 1st of December over by the dog park.

*Water Plant design revisions for splitting the project into two phases is being completed by HDR and they should be completed and out for permits by December 1st.

*Emergency work on the 16" fitting should be completed in early December.

*DWAM project is wrapping up and city staff is trying to get in touch with the last five residents to complete the project.

*Hemlock Street South Project for 2023 was awarded and a preconstruction meeting will take place this winter with the neighbors and the Department of Transportation (DOT).

*The Margaret Street culvert is in the process of being designed.

*A 3-million-dollar grant from EGLE for lead service line replacement will take place. This funding will allow for approximately 600 lead service line replacement.

*Mr. Anderson toured the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority Sewer Plant and will be getting up to speed on the 25-million-dollar project and its schedule.

*City Staff is working on a Sparks Grant application for a possible trail development project out at Mt. Zion. The application is due on December 19, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

- H. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #022-028 A Resolution Ordering Removal and Abatement of the Hazard and Nuisance of the property located at 127 and 123 E. Oak Street.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to adopt Resolution #022-028 A Resolution Ordering Removal and Abatement of the Hazard and Nuisance of the property located at 127 and 123 E. Oak Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- I. Discuss and consider approval of final pay request #6 and balancing change order for the 2021 Local Street Project with Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$88,288.60.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela to approve the final pay request #6 and balancing change order for the 2021 Local Street Project with Angelo Luppino, Inc. in the amount of \$88,288.60. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and consider authorizing the purchase of a new 2022 Tandem Axel Dump Truck from I State Truck Center in the amount of \$179,056.00.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to authorize the purchase of a new 2022 Tandem Axel Dump Truck from I State Truck Center in the amount of \$179,056.00 as recommended by the Department of Public Works (DPW). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- K. Discuss and consider authorizing the purchase of a new 2022 Single Axel Dump Truck from I State Truck Center in the amount of \$179,972.00.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to authorize the purchase of a new 2022 Single Axel Dump Truck from I State Truck Center in the amount of \$179,972.00 as recommended by the DPW. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and consider authorizing Payment #11 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 Mildren, seconded by Korpela to authorize Payment #11 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.

- M. Consider approval of Change Order No. 6 for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project to Jake’s Excavating & Landscaping, LLC. for a decrease of \$5,276.50 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve Change Order No. 6 for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project to Jake’s Excavating & Landscaping, LLC. for a decrease of \$5,276.50 and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Consider approval of Pay Request No. 8 for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project to Jake’s Excavating & Landscaping, LLC. in the amount of \$3,623.50 (Water \$833.33, Sewer \$966.64, Roads \$1,823.53) for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren to approve the Pay Request No. 8 for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project to Jake’s Excavating & Landscaping, LLC. in the amount of \$3,623.50 (Water \$833.33, Sewer \$966.64, Roads \$1,823.53) for the City of Ironwood – 2021 Water and Sewer Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Discuss and consider applying for round 8 Neighborhood Enhancement Program Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, along with providing \$1,000.00 matching funds from the City of Ironwood.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen to apply for round 8 Neighborhood Enhancement Program Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, along with providing \$1,000.00 matching funds from the City of Ironwood. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- P. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #022-029, authorizing approval of City Manager Paul Anderson as the designated of Street Administrator.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen to adopt Resolution #022-029, authorizing approval of City Manager Paul Anderson as the designated of Street Administrator. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- Q. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #022-030 Establishing a Development Area Citizens Council (DACC) as a component of the 2023 City of Ironwood Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela to adopt Resolution #022-30 Establishing a Development Area Citizens Council (DACC) as a component of the 2023 City of Ironwood Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- R. Discuss and Consider appointment of City Manager Paul Anderson to the Michigan’s Western Gateway Trail Authority Board.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen and carried to appoint City Manager Paul Anderson in place of the previous City Manager Scott Erickson to the Michigan’s Western Gateway Trail Authority Board.

- S. Discuss and Consider appointment of City Manager Paul Anderson to the remaining term of previous City Manager Scott Erickson to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo and carried to appoint City Manager Paul Anderson to the remaining term of previous City Manager Scott Erickson to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board.

- T. Discuss and consider approval of employment agreement with Jennifer Jacobson for the City Clerk position.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela to approve the employment agreement with Jennifer Jacobson for the City Clerk position. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- U. Discuss and consider proposal from KBK Services, Inc for \$15,500 to make emergency repair of a 16” water fitting at the Ironwood Water Pump Station.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela to approve the proposal from KBK Services, Inc for \$15,500 to make emergency repair of a 16” water fitting at the Ironwood Water Pump Station. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- V. Mayor’s appointments.

Mayor Corcoran appointed Roberta Sardinha to the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) to an unexpired term of Anna Lovelace (term expiring June 30, 2023).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Roberta Sardinha to the unexpired term on the DIDA (term expiring June 30, 2023).

Mayor Corcoran appointed the new nine (9) member board of the Development Area Citizens Council (DACC) as follows Amy Nosal, Anna Schroeder, Ivan Hellen, Robbie Williams-Sardinha, Benjamin Thompson, Jim Byrns, Marissa Casari, Cynthia O’Brien, and Ryan List.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Amy Nosal, Anna Schroeder, Ivan Hellen, Robbie Williams-Sardinha, Benjamin Thompson, Jim Byrns, Marissa Casari, Cynthia O’Brien, and Ryan List to the DACC Board.

- W. Manager’s Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson verbally gave the Manager’s report noting the following items:

**Reminded everyone of the winter parking ban from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. along with reminding the downtown businesses to keep their sidewalks cleared.*

**He thanked the crews for keeping the streets cleared.*

**The City is looking forward to having the new City Clerk Jennifer Jacobson start at the end of the month.*

City Clerk Karen Gullan thanked all the election inspectors and chairs for the great job they did during the election last week. The City of Ironwood is fortunate to have such great election workers.

*The Historic Ironwood Theatre had a great showing last Friday for the Top Gun Maverick Movie.

*Tree lighting is Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. with the Chamber.

*Jack Frost Parade is the first weekend in December.

*Mr. Anderson also wished all the hunters' good luck.

X. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren expressed his gratitude for the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center for supporting our area youth. The new manager at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center is doing a great job and has a great presence on Facebook.

Commissioner Semo requested everyone get a copy of the Silent Sport Magazine which features the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park.

Y. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M.*

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, Interim City Clerk