

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on November 28, 2022 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.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen and carried to excuse Commissioner Korpela from tonight's meeting.*

B. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Korpela (excused).

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda. \*

\*1) Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022.

\*2) Review and Place on File:

a. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022.

b. Carnegie Library Board Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2021, September 21, 2021, October 19, 2021, August 16, 2022, and October 18, 2022.

c. Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes of September 7, 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 Semo, and carried to approve the agenda as presented.*

E. Review and Place on File:

1. Revenue & Expenditure Report.

2. Cash and Investment Summary Report.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending October 31, 2022 and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for October 31, 2022.*

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to approve the Monthly Check Register Report for October 31, 2022. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

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

Randall Kashich, of 342 Lake Avenue addressed the City Commission expressing his dismay with snowmobiles not being able to get to the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center and felt there should be a trail. Mr. Kashich also noted a cast iron pipe in front of his daughter's residence that should be repaired.

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

Randall Kashich, of 342 Lake Avenue expressed his dismay with City Staff not returning his call when a business had a sewer problem.

I. City Engineer Project Updates.

Paul Anderson, City Manager/Engineer gave a project update to the City Commission noting the following:

- \*City Staff will be attending webinars with EGLE moving forward on the 3-million-dollar grant for lead service line replacement.
- \*Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority (GIWA) Sewer Plant 25-million-dollar project is currently being designed by C2AE and a tentative schedule for plans being completed is April, with bids in late June.
- \*Jake's Excavating is working on the punch list to complete the Francis Street Project.
- \*Water Plant design revisions for splitting the project into two phases is being completed by HDR and they are hoping to get permits by December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Emergency work on the 16" fitting should be completed in early December by KBK out of Ashland.
- \*DWAM Project for lead service line replacement has been trying to get in touch with the last 5 residents about material type to complete the project.
- \*Mountain Bike Trail Construction Project with Flowtrack is done for the year and will be finishing up next year.
- \*Historic Ironwood Theatre basement ceiling/sidewalk project meetings have occurred to scope out the design and are working on getting a preliminary budget together to work on funding source.
- \*Hemlock Street South Project with Ruotsala will be 2023 with a preconstruction meeting taking place this winter with the neighborhood.
- \*Margret Street culvert is being designed.
- \*Many thanks to Scott Erickson for his help in transitioning me into the Manager/Engineering role this past month. Scott's last day is Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

J. Code Enforcement Abatement Update.

Code Enforcement Officer Jason Alonen addressed the City Commission updating them on the abatement of the blight located at 127 and 123 E. Oak Street. Mr. Alonen handed the City Commission pictures from today and noted nothing has been done. The City Commission after a brief discussion all agreed that abatement needs to happen, and the Code Enforcement Officer shall report back to the City Commission by their next regular meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

K. Consider approval of the Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$117,070.76 for the City of Ironwood – 2022 Sewer and Water Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to approve Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$117,070.76 for the City of Ironwood – 2022 Sewer and Water Project and authorize Mayor to sign all applicable. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #1 for the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail Project Phase II.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen to approve Change Order #1 for the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Mountain Bike Trail Project Phase II. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

M. Discuss and Consider scheduling workshop regarding Planning Commission's recommendation for Marihuana Establishment Licensing Process.

After a brief discussion the City Commission agreed that the Community Development Director Tom Bergman would schedule a joint workshop with the Planning Commission and City Commission to discuss the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Marihuana Establishment Licensing Process.

N. Discuss and consider authorizing Payment #12 to Flowtrack Mountain Bike Trails, LLC in the amount of \$5,949.39 for the MDNR Trust Fund Mountain Bike Trail Project in Miners' Memorial Heritage Park.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to authorize Payment #12 to Flowtrack Mountain Bike Trails, LLC in the amount of \$5,949.39 for the MDNR Trust Fund Mountain Bike Trail Project in Miners' Memorial Heritage Park. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

O. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #022-032, a Community Development Block Grant Authorizing Resolution.

*Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo to adopt Resolution #022-032, a Community Development Block Grant Authorization Resolution. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

## NEW BUSINESS

P. Discuss and Consider adopting Resolution #022-031 Michigan Department of Natural Resource (MDNR) Sparks Grant Application for Mt. Zion Mountain Bike Trail System.

*Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen to adopt Resolution #022-031 Michigan Department of Natural Resource (MDNR) Sparks Grant Application for Mt. Zion Mountain Bike Trail System. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Q. Discuss and Consider Downtown City Square Ice Rink implementation.

City Manager Paul Anderson updated the City Commission on the Downtown City Square Ice Rink implementation. Mayor Corcoran after a brief discussion requested a proposal with all the costs be presented to the City Commission.

R. Manager's Report.

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

- \*Reminded everyone the no parking ban is in effect from 2:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. and downtown businesses should be keeping their sidewalks cleared.
- \*Jennifer Jacobson the new City Clerk's first day was today and she was traveling downstate to attend Clerk's training.
- \*Jack Frost Parade is this weekend on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:00 P.M.
- \*Historic Ironwood Theatre had a great showing last Saturday for the Warren Miller movie and raising money for Team Z.
- \*Urged everyone to check out the Theatre's schedule to see more movies and upcoming shows.
- \*Winter taxes will be going out in the mail this week.
- \*The boat downtown will be removed this week.
- \*A workshop is being scheduled with the City Commission in the upcoming weeks to discuss funding options for the front-line fire truck.

S. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo felt with the Miners' Memorial Heritage Park Cross Country Skiers in town helped with the additional business at the marihuana places this past weekend.

Commissioner Mildren and the City Commission thanked our department of public works for the great job they did during the recent storm.

T. Adjournment.

*Motion* was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 P.M.

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, Interim City Clerk