

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on January 23, 2023, 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.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda. \*

\*1) Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023

2) Review and Place on File:

a. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2022, October 3, 2022, and November 7, 2022.

b. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2022.

c. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2022.

3) Poverty Exemption Resolution #023-001.

***Motion** was made by Korpela seconded by Andresen, 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 December 31, 2022, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for December 31, 2022.*

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

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

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

*There were none.*

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

*Peter & Nancy Sturgul, 225 W. Midland Street, addressed the Commission regarding a contractor hauling and dumping snow to the vacant lot adjacent to their property. Concerns on the garbage left when the snow melts and the increase of spring melt flooding the neighborhood were noted.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

I. Discuss and Consider the Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Finance Division and the City of Ironwood for the \$3,000,000 Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Lead Service Line Replacement Project Grant and authorize the City Manager to sign all related grant documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to approve the Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Finance Division and the City of Ironwood for the \$3,000,000 Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Lead Service Line Replacement Project Grant and authorize the City Manager to sign all related grant documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

J. Discuss and Consider approving the 2023 Summer Tax Collection Agreement with the Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District Board and authorize the City Treasurer/Finance Director to sign.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to approve the 2023 Summer Tax Collection Agreement with the Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District Board and authorize the City Treasurer/Finance Director to sign. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and Consider authorization to seek bids for 2023 Pavement Striping.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to authorization to seek bids for 2023 Pavement Striping. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and Consider approving Change Order Number #1 from PK Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$3,551.59 for 2022 pavement striping.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve Change Order Number #1 from PK Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$3,551.59 for 2022 pavement striping. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

M. Discuss and Consider Phase 5 Consultant Selection.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to approve selecting Coleman Engineering as the Phase 5 Consultant for the Water and Sewer Project scheduled on Albany and Frederick Streets. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Discuss and consider authorization to seek bids for the 2023 Phase 1 Water Treatment Plant project, upon receipt of EGLE permit and USDA approval to go out for bids.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, and carried to authorize the City to seek bids for the 2023 Phase 1 Water Treatment Plant project, upon receipt of EGLE permit and USDA approval to go out for bids.

- O. Discuss and Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 538, Vacation of the alley between the 400 and 500 blocks of Birch Street and Ash Street, and the right-of-way of Deane Street from Birch Street to Ash Street, City of Ironwood and schedule a public hearing on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 5:25 P.M.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried to schedule a public hearing on Monday, February 13, 2023 to hear comments on Ordinance Number 538, an Ordinance to Vacate the alley between the 400 and 500 blocks of Birch Street and Ash Street, and the right-of-way of Deane Street from Birch Street to Ash Street.

- P. Discuss and Consider authorization to seek bids for the creating of a Community Forest Stewardship Plan.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, and carried to authorize the City to seek bids for the creating of a Community Forest Stewardship Plan.

- Q. Discuss and Consider authorization to seek bids for Jessievile Water Tank repairs.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, and carried to authorize the City to seek bids for Jessievile Water Tank repairs.

- R. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal update:

1. City DPW crews are continuing snow removal efforts this week. Blower is down for a couple days with a mechanical issue that is getting fixed then will be back in the field pulling snow. They are also clearing hydrants and today cleared snow from the DPW garage roof.
2. City has started to enforce the downtown sidewalk snow removal ordinance. This will be charging property owners who do not clear their sidewalks w/in 24 hours, \$200 for having a Contractor do the snow removal.
3. Water Plant: Phase 1 plans have been reviewed by the State EGLE department and should be reissued to EGLE in coming days which they will then issue the permit. After State approval, then we need RD approval to go out to bid. RD has already approved the plans.
4. Boilers, HVAC Controls and Roof Top Units bids were received today and are being evaluated. Fire Alarm system improvements going out to bid this week.
5. Coleman working on \$3MIL Lead Service Line replacement bidding documents for this summer start of construction.
6. Upcoming work sessions include:  
Feb 13 at 4 PM: Budgeting goals. Please begin thinking of next Fiscal Year goals that you would like to be considered at this work session.

7. *The last Jack Frost event will be Light up the Night Christmas Tree burning at the Norrie Amateur Sports Club on Saturday this weekend (January 28th, 2023).*
8. *Xcel Energy is working on some improvements near downtown and may have some road closures later this week. Public Safety is reviewing those requests.*
9. *City will be posting our job posting for summer help very soon. We also have a retirement coming up soon in DPW, so we will be posting that job in the months to come as well.*

S. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo thanked the City Manager for providing very thorough weekly update reports.

Commissioner Mildren thanked staff for their continued efforts working with State and Federal Representatives and Grants to keep the City's forward progress.

Mayor Corcoran requested to be excused from the February 13, 2023, meeting. Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried to excuse Mayor Corcoran from the February 13, 2023, meeting.

T. Adjournment

***Motion*** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 P.M.

David Andresen, Mayor Pro Tem

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk