

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on February 13, 2023, 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 Pro Tem Andresen opened the public hearing at 5:25 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: City Manager Paul Anderson reviewed the proposed Ordinance #538, an Ordinance for the vacation of the Alley between the 400 and 500 Blocks of Birch Street and Ash Street, and the Right-of-Way Vacation of Deane Street from Birch Street to Ash Street in the City of Ironwood and informed the public that intentions are for Michael and Greta Erm to build a new home on the vacated alley and right of way. There were no other comments from the public.

3. Mayor Pro Tem Andresen closed the public hearing at 5:29 P.M.
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A. Mayor Pro Tem Andresen called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Andresen, Korpela, Mildren, and Semo

ABSENT: Mayor Corcoran (excused)

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2023.

2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2023.
- b. Ironwood Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2022.
- c. Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2022.
- d. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2023.

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. 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)

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

- G. Discuss and Consider adopting Ordinance #538, an Ordinance providing for the vacation of the Alley between the 400 and 500 Blocks of Birch Street and Ash Street, and the Right-of-Way Vacation of Deane Street from Birch Street to Ash Street in the City of Ironwood and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem and Clerk to sign.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to adopt Ordinance #538, an Ordinance providing for the vacation of the Alley between the 400 and 500 Blocks of Birch Street and Ash Street, and the Right-of-Way Vacation of Deane Street from Birch Street to Ash Street in the City of Ironwood and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem and Clerk to sign. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- H. Discuss and Consider authorizing a \$28,092.50 payment to Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling for the replacement and installation of the Booster Pump #3 motor, an increase of \$6,491.50 from the original quote.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to authorize a \$28,092.50 payment to Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling for the replacement and installation of the Booster Pump #3 motor, an increase of \$6,491.50 from the original quote. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- I. Discuss and Consider the Cemetery Lawn mowing bid.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, and carried to reject the Cemetery lawn mowing and trimming bid for a two-year contract and authorize the City to re-bid a one-year contract.*

NEW BUSINESS

- J. Discuss and Consider authorizing the City to seek bids for the Margaret Street Culvert installation Project.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried to authorize the City to seek bids for the Margaret Street Culvert installation Project.*

- K. Discuss and Consider approving the Gogebic County Land Bank Access and Demolition Agreements as a condition of the State Land Bank Grant and authorize the City Manager to sign.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to approve the Gogebic County Land Bank Access and Demolition Agreements as a condition of the State Land Bank Grant and authorize the City Manager to sign. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and Consider approving Xcel Energy D/B/A Northern States Power Easements at Big Springs Well Fields and the Pump Station for the replacement of the existing Power Line at Xcel Energy's cost and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to approve the Xcel Energy D/B/A Northern States Power Easements at Big Springs Well Fields and the Pump Station for the replacement of the existing Power Line at Xcel Energy's cost and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and Consider authorizing the DPW to seek bids for a new Front End Loader.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpela, and carried to authorize the DPW to seek bids for a new Front End Loader.

- N. Discuss and Consider approving a \$12,000 Colligo GIS Proposal.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to approve a \$12,000 Contract with Colligo for GIS Services to the City. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- O. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #023-002, a Resolution approving the Third Supplement to the GIWA Contract and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem and Clerk to sign the Third Supplement to the Contract.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Resolution #023-002, a Resolution approving the Third Supplement to the GIWA Contract and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem and Clerk to sign the Third Supplement to the Contract. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- P. Discuss and Consider authorizing the IPSD to purchase and install audio-visual equipment for \$14,123.17 using 100% Grant Funds through a Department of Treasury First Responder Grant.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to authorizing the IPSD to purchase and install audio-visual equipment for \$14,123.17 using 100% Grant Funds through a Department of Treasury First Responder Grant. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- Q. Discuss and Consider authorizing the IPSD to seek grant funding for the acquisition of patrol vehicles through a USDA Community and Facilities Grants and Loan Program.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to authorizing the IPSD to seek grant funding for the acquisition of patrol vehicles through a USDA Community and Facilities Grants and Loan Program. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- R. Discuss and Consider approving the \$5,490.00 Annual Contract with Merit Network for internet service at the Memorial Building and authorize the City Manager to sign.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela, to the \$5,490.00 Annual Contract with Merit Network for internet service at the Memorial Building and authorize the City Manager to sign. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

S. Manager's Appointments.

City Manager Paul Anderson appointed Clancey Byrne to the Ironwood Housing Commission for a five-year term (term expiring June 30, 2027).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to approve the Manager's appointment of Clancey Byrne to the Ironwood Housing Commission for a five-year term (term expiring June 30, 2027).

T. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal update:

- 1. An early mid-winter warm up has been melting snow and causing lots of ice. Don't be fooled by Fools Spring, Winter 2 is right around the corner. DPW and Public Safety are prepping for the spring melt getting sandbags ready.*
- 2. The MDNR Sparks grant application for mountain bike trails at Mt Zion was unsuccessful. Two more rounds of grant funding are available this winter, so we will be reapplying.*
- 3. Pickle ball at Memorial Building: we currently have a net, paddle, and balls available for checkout at the Clerk's office, for citizens who are interested.*
- 4. Boilers, HVAC Controls and Roof Top Units bids: more time is needed to find money in the budget since boilers are at the end of their life.*
- 5. Pavement Striping and Memorial Building Fire Alarm system improvements bids are due next week.*
- 6. Water Plant: Phase 1 is out for bids right now. There is a non-mandatory pre bid meeting tomorrow and bids are due on 3/2/23.*
- 7. Coleman Engineering is working on \$3MIL Lead Service Line replacement bidding documents for this summer start of construction.*
- 8. The City will be posting our summer help job posting very soon.*
- 9. The 100-year Anniversary of the Memorial Building is this year. We will be recreating the photo from its original dedication on Friday 7/7/23 in front of the building, much like the Plaidurday photo. We hope to make this event as special as possible with a large attendance, just as was done for the photo 100 years ago.*
- 10. Thanks to the Ironwood Red Devils Varsity Boys Basketball team for their win against Wakefield/Marenisco! Wakefield City Manager Robert Brown lost the bet on that game and is wearing Red Devil apparel at tonight's Wakefield City Commission meeting.*

U. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo requested to be excused from attending the next three Commission meetings.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpela and carried to excuse Commissioner Semo from the next three Commission meetings.

Commissioner Mildren reminded everyone to show love and appreciation to those around them, especially being Valentine's Day this week.

V. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 P.M.

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk