Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Work Session

A Work Session with the Ironwood City Commission to discuss the Fiscal Year Goals for the Budget, took place on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 5:00 P.M., in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

PRESENT: Commissioners Andresen, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran

ABSENT: Commissioner Korpi

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Paul Anderson, City Clerk Jennifer Jacobson, Community Development Director Tom Bergman, and Assessor/DPW Supervisor Jason Alonen.

City Manager Anderson opened the discussion and shared the issues facing the City of Ironwood, reviewed the Constant Goals that are priority and carried over annually, and the FY 2024-2025 Goals to be ranked by the City Commission. The Commission discussed and compiled the following list to be formally approved at the February 26, 2024 meeting.

CITY OF IRONWOOD 2024-2025 Goals List

Issues facing the City of Ironwood

High water/sewer costs

Maintaining momentum/next generation

Raising the bar on what is acceptable in terms of blight

Housing Shortage, (Walkability to Parks/Shops/Downtown)

Keeping up w/ wages of other local competing entities

Downtown Vitality. Place based.

Parks and Recreation (Addtl' Hires to sustain current parks and trails) and Creating a Community Center Experiences

Constant Goals: These goals are carried over from year to year and were agreed upon to not need to be updated each year.

Continue annual road repair projects

Continue code enforcement/blight elimination effort

Infrastructure Updates (Water/Sewer/Storm/Roads)

Continue work on creating new diverse housing opportunities

Public Safety

Parks: Maintaining our existing system

FY 2024 -2025 Goals to be ranked by the City Commission

1	Improve safety on the Iron Belle Trail and in City parks (safety committee)
2	US2 safe pedestrian crossings, walkability year-round, develop a year-round sidewalk plan
3	Update/increase wayfinding signage/Map & Policy
4	Establish downtown ice space
7	New Civic Center ice making system
9	Create a downtown social district
11	Increase ties w/ Hurley and Ironwood Township
	Create a regional recreational advisory committee to expand regional recreational
12	services/opportunities
	Create an Ironwood recreational advisory committee expand City recreational
13	services/opportunities:
15	Address vacant buildings
16	Address short-term rentals/housing shortage issue
17	Festivals and events Policy

The revised list as shown above will be

The work session adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk