

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on September 9, 2024, at 5:30 P.M., preceded by Public Hearings at 5:15 P.M., 5:20 P.M. and 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 5:15 P.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.
PRESENT: Commissioners Andresen, Korpi, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Corcoran
ABSENT: None
3. Public Hearing: To receive public comment relative to Ordinance Number 551, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 456, Chapter 18, Sec. 18-234, Entitled (“Discharge of Firearms and Weapons”). A review of the amendments within the Ordinance was provided by Jen Jacobson, City Clerk, which includes language changes to allow the discharge of crossbows during the Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt, following all Michigan Laws. There were no comments from the public.
4. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.

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1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 P.M.
 2. Public Hearing: To receive public comment relative to Ordinance Number 552, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 457, Chapter 6, Sec. 6-100 of Article IV Entitled (“Wild Animals”). A review of the amendments within the Ordinance was provided by Jen Jacobson, City Clerk, and include language changes that will allow the use of crossbows during the Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt only as permissible under Michigan State Law. There were no comments from the public.
 3. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:22 P.M.

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1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:25 P.M.
 2. Public Hearing: To receive public comment relative to Ordinance Number 553, an Ordinance to repeal several sections of Chapter 30, of the Code of Ordinances. Andrew DiGiorgio, Public Safety Director, informed the Commission and Public that the Ordinance requires amendments to repeal sections that are either redundant to or conflict with current Michigan State Traffic Laws. There were no comments from the public.
 4. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:26 P.M.

A. Mayor Corcoran called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

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

ABSENT: None

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2024.

2) Review and Place on File:

a. Human Relations and Equity Committee Working Meeting Minutes of July 9, 23, and 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpi, 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 Andresen, and carried, to amend the Agenda to add Unfinished Business Item N. Discuss and consider awarding the bid for the TMF Water Service Exploration Project, to Jake's Excavating and Landscaping LLC, in the amount of \$510,185.00, and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents, and New Business Items V. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #024-021, to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:10 P.M., to hear comment on a blight violation of 131 W. Oak (52-27-204-230); W. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #024-022, to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:15 P.M., to hear comment on a blight violation of 239 W. Ayer Street (52-22-314-010); and X. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #024-023, to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:20 P.M., to hear comment on a blight violation of 216 Kennedy (52-24-310-060).

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 July 2024, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for July 2024.

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

Michael Stanczak spoke on Agenda Item T, encouraging the City to condemn the house at 1010 N. Hemlock Street, citing that the foundation is damaged.

Pete Sturgul addressed the Commission on Agenda Item T, asking that the City Commission follow through on condemnation of 1010 N. Hemlock Street.

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

There were none.

H. Presentation: Scott Anderson, ABR Foundation.

Scott Anderson presented information on the new Anderson Bluff's & River Trails (ABR) Foundation with the Commissioners and members of the public. A review of the history at

ABR and an overview of the exciting plans with the Foundation were shared. The City Commissioners thanked Scott for the work his family and the Board put in at ABR and expressed enthusiasm for the future of ABR through the Foundation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- I. Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance Number 551, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 456, Chapter 18, Sec. 18-234, Entitled (“Discharge of Firearms and Weapons”).

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to adopt Ordinance Number 551, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 456, Chapter 18, Sec. 18-234, Entitled (“Discharge of Firearms and Weapons”). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- J. Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance Number 552, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 457, Chapter 6, Sec. 6-100 of Article IV Entitled (“Wild Animals”).

***Motion** was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpi, to adopt Ordinance Number 552, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 457, Chapter 6, Sec. 6-100 of Article IV Entitled (“Wild Animals”). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- K. Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance Number 553, an Ordinance to repeal several sections of Chapter 30, of the Code of Ordinances.

***Motion** was made by Andresen, seconded by Mildren, to adopt Ordinance Number 553, an Ordinance to repeal several sections of Chapter 30, of the Code of Ordinances. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and consider approving the Rural Development Pay Package #14 in the amount of \$563,478.08 for the City of Ironwood – Water Treatment Plant Phase I Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to approve the Rural Development Pay Package #14 in the amount of \$563,478.08 for the City of Ironwood – Water Treatment Plant Phase I Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- M. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #6, for C.D. Smith, which is a decrease of \$8,891.37 for the Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve Change Order #6, for C.D. Smith, which is a decrease of \$8,891.37 for the Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Discuss and consider awarding the bid for the TMF Water Service Exploration Project, to Jake’s Excavating and Landscaping LLC, in the amount of \$510,185.00, and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

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NEW BUSINESS

- O. Discuss and acknowledge the introduction of Ordinance Number 554, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 491, Chapter 19, III, Miners' Memorial Heritage Park, Attachment A, Park Boundary Map, and schedule a Public Hearing for 5:25 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, and carried, to acknowledge the introduction of Ordinance Number 554, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 491, Chapter 19, III, Miners' Memorial Heritage Park, Attachment A, Park Boundary Map, and schedule a Public Hearing for 5:25 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024.

- P. Discuss and consider declaring Department of Public Works Equipment as Surplus, approving the sale of Surplus Equipment and authorizing advertisement to bid.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to declare Department of Public Works Equipment as Surplus, approving the sale of Surplus Equipment and authorizing advertisement to bid. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- Q. Discuss and consider authorization to seek bids for 1,500 tons of street sand for maintaining roads during the winter.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, and carried, to authorize the Department of Public Works to seek bids for 1,500 tons of street sand for maintaining roads during the winter.

- R. Discuss and consider authorization to seek bids for 500 tons of road gravel for alley and street maintenance.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to authorize the Department of Public Works to seek bids for 500 tons of road gravel for alley and street maintenance.

- S. Discuss and consider allocating \$300,000 of HUD Housing Support Funds for the 9 Ironwood Low Income Tax Credit Housing Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Korpi, to allocate \$300,000 of HUD Housing Support Funds for the 9 Ironwood Low Income Tax Credit Housing Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- T. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #024-019, a Resolution to consider the condemnation of a Described Structure Constituting a Public Nuisance at 1010 N. Hemlock Street, Ironwood, MI, and scheduling a Public Hearing for 5:25 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2024.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to adopt Resolution #024-019, a Resolution to consider the condemnation of a Described Structure Constituting a Public Nuisance at 1010 N.

Hemlock Street, Ironwood, MI, and scheduling a Public Hearing for 5:25 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2024. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- U. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #024-020, a Resolution Governing the 2024 Comprehensive Deer Management Archery Hunt in the City of Ironwood, Setting Rules, Standards, and Fees.

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Y. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:

Engineering Updates

- Jakes is working on the Memorial Building overflow parking lot. They are coordinating with Luppino for paving this and multiple other projects for this fall season.
- The \$598,000 TMF grant is now awarded to Jakes. Some of that work will be done this fall and the remainder of the 500+ services will be done next summer.
- \$11MIL Phase 1 of the water plant project continues with CD Smith Construction. They are continuing to work on underground piping work, as well as interior and exterior masonry, and roofing work. We are working on numerous change orders to spend our remaining contingency funds.
- \$11MIL Phase 2 of the water plant: we are working on getting the contract documents all in line and then will be moving some work from Phase 2 to Phase 1. Work to begin in the coming months.

- *The \$3MIL lead service line replacement project continues with Jakes Excavating. They are solely working on restoration work the last couple of weeks. We have spent around \$1MIL and aim to spend the remainder of the funds by the end of 2025.*
- *Phase 5A water system project started a few weeks ago. Lake Ave the water pipe and services are in and they are waiting to start concrete work once Xcel completes their gas line work at the end of September. Albany Street water piping work is in process.*
- *Phase 5B water and sewer project the design has begun will continue through the winter. The bid will occur in winter of early 2025 and construction will occur in 2025 and 2026. This is roughly a \$11 MIL construction project. We will be setting up a work session before the next meeting to go over costs of sidewalks and street paving that need to come out of the City budget, separate from the Grant.*
- *Curry Park Campground: We are waiting on the DNR bid spec review so that we can bid out some site furniture improvements this fall for the DNR grant project. The electrical project is in for permitting with plan for fall construction after closing. Then DPW will do some gravel pad improvements and restoration after all of that is done.*
- *Library Community Spaces Grant Project: The architect Meyer Group is meeting with staff to go over final plan changes and will be ready to go out to bid soon. Environmental work will be starting this fall. The project is planned for construction in 2025.*
- *The concrete plant at the old Ironwood Readimix site is now operating.*

Managers Updates

- *Fall cleanup day is this week. Sept 13th (8-2) and 14th (8-11) will be fall cleanup day at IPSD.*
- *HKGI is working on the Comp plan and the housing plan. There will be a series of stakeholder meetings October 1-3. We have regular meetings between our staff and theirs to keep up to date on where things are at.*
- *The November election is coming soon. The Clerk's office has 430 people on the absentee voter ballot list with more being added daily. Ballots are expected to be delivered the last week of September. Any residents with voting related questions are encouraged to contact the Clerk's office. The City of IW and 4 other local entities have received a \$5000 NGO grant to help offset election costs. Our grant will be used to help offset costs to repair our ADA access doors that have long needed repair.*
- *Iron Belle Trail fundraiser raffle is occurring this weekend. The \$100 raffle tickets give you a chance to win 8 prizes that range from \$500 up to \$3000. The proceeds go towards maintenance of the IBT. The drawing will be held on Sunday 9/15 at 1 PM which is the start of the Gogebic Range Ride and Run event which will be a bike or run on the Iron Belle Trail. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, the last few are being sold this week in the Clerk's office.*

Z. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo commented on the Iron Belle Trail fundraiser raffle and encouraged residents to support the trail fundraiser.

Commissioner Mildren shared about the Gogebic Range Ride and Run (GRRR) event and shared comments he received at his class reunion about how wonderful of a community Ironwood is to live in.

AA. Adjournment.

September 9, 2024

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 P.M.



Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor



Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk