

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on July 22, 2024, at 5:30 P.M., preceded by a Public Hearing at 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 5:25 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 550, an Ordinance to vacate the alley west of 206 N. Hemlock Street. Tom Bergman, Community Development Director reviewed the request from Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell to vacate the alley. There were no comments from the public.
4. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:30 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 July 8, 2024.

2) Review and Place on File:

a. Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2024.

b. Carnegie Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2024.

3) Poverty Exemption Resolution #024-013.

***Motion** was made by Andresen, 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 Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to amend the Agenda to add New Business Item P. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #024-015, a Resolution to Approve Participating Establishments in the Downtown Ironwood Social District.*

E. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Check Register Report for June 2024 as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

F. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit).
There were none.

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

Kurt Martell addressed the Commission about the status of the trail being built to connect Miner's Park and Norrie Park? He also informed the Commission that there is brush that needs to be picked up in Norrie Park and are several dead and dying trees that could be considered safety concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. Discuss and consider approving Payment #9, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$43,027.27 for the Lead Service Line Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, to approve Payment #9, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$43,027.27 for the Lead Service Line Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

I. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #1, to Reform Enterprises for the Bonnie Road Lift Station Generator Project, in the amount of \$0 for changing the generator brand and payment terms and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve Change Order #1, to Reform Enterprises for the Bonnie Road Lift Station Generator Project, in the amount of \$0 for changing the generator brand and payment terms and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and consider approving Payment #2, for Northland Electric, DS, Inc., in the amount of \$5,977.00 for the Curry Park Campground Electrical Upgrade Project.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to approve Payment #2, for Northland Electric, DS, Inc., in the amount of \$5,977.00 for the Curry Park Campground Electrical Upgrade Project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and consider awarding the bid for the Phase 5A Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Water System Improvements Project, to Jake's Excavating & Landscaping LLC, in the amount of \$1,324,882.40 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpi, to award the bid for the Phase 5A Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Water System Improvements Project, to Jake's Excavating & Landscaping LLC, in the amount of \$1,324,882.40 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance Number 550, an Ordinance to vacate the alley west of 206 N. Hemlock Street.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to adopting Ordinance Number 550, an Ordinance to vacate the alley west of 206 N. Hemlock Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- M. Discuss and consider approving the Community Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Support for the Lead Service Line Replacement grant agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and the City of Ironwood.

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to approve the \$598,000 Community Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Support for the Lead Service Line Replacement grant agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and the City of Ironwood. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Discuss and consider approving an agreement with Coleman Engineering Company, not to exceed \$78,000.00, for Professional Engineering Services related to the TMF grant.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve an agreement with Coleman Engineering Company, not to exceed \$78,000.00, for Professional Engineering Services related to the TMF grant. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- O. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #024-014, a Resolution establishing a Social District in Ironwood's Downtown.

***Motion** was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpi, to adopt Resolution #024-014, a Resolution establishing a Social District in Ironwood's Downtown, with an annual review to take place after the first year to hear feedback from Businesses. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #024-015, a Resolution to Approve Participating Establishments in the Downtown Ironwood Social District.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, to adopt Resolution #024-015, a Resolution to Approve Participating Establishments in the Downtown Ironwood Social District. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Q. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:

I hope everyone had a great Festival Ironwood this past week. Thanks to everyone that came out and thanks to all the volunteers and organizations that made it a spectacular week. It was truly awesome.

Engineering Updates

- The ribbon cutting event at Hiawatha Park went really great last Saturday. Thanks to all who attended and supported the project with donations.*
- The Clemens Street project by Jakes Excavating is going to be getting paved with the second lift of asphalt on Wednesday this week.*
- The \$598,000 TMF grant for lead service line identification. Coleman will be designing this in the weeks to come and try to get this out to bid later this summer for fall execution.*
- \$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 awaiting updated quotes from the Contractor on upgrading our SCADA system and getting a price from Xcel on running a natural gas line out to the site in lieu of buying a large propane tank. These two items are expected to use the bulk of the remaining contingency funds.*

- *\$11MIL Phase 2 of the water plant: we are out to bid with bids due on July 31st and construction beginning spring 2025.*
- *The \$3MIL lead service line replacement project continues with Jakes Excavating. They are catching up on restoration and are slowly starting back to dig more new service lines. They have taken about 250 addresses off our list to date. They have replaced 163 galvanized services with copper to date. We have spent around \$1MIL and aim to spend the remainder of the funds by the end of 2025.*
- *Phase 5B water and sewer project will begin design soon and that will take through the winter to occur. The bid will occur in the late winter or spring of 2025 and construction will occur in 2025 and 2026. This is roughly a \$11 MIL construction project.*
- *Curry Park Campground: We need to bid out some site furniture improvements this summer for the DNR grant project. The electrical project is under final design and permitting with plan for fall construction after closing. Then DPW will do some gravel pad improvements and restoration after all of that is done. I am going to start looking at some upgrades to the bathrooms / shower rooms as well.*
- *The crane replacement for the DPW garage is due to be installed in mid-August.*
- *Crack sealing work should be done in the next month or two. This year's project will incorporate the north 1/3 of the City (north of the railroad grade, minus the Phase 5 project area). All the rain has been pushing back Pitlik's schedule.*
- *Jessieville water tank project: the Contractor is starting work this week. We will be putting out notifications to City residents via our social media page and Code Red.*
- *Library Community Spaces Grant Project: The architect Meyer Group and Owner have met with the Michigan Historic Preservation Office and received approval. Meyer Group is now moving into preparing construction bid drawings that will be ready in a few weeks. The project is planned for construction in 2025.*

Managers Updates

- *Surveys for the new Comprehensive Plan 10-year update are out and posted on our website homepage. Kevin from HKGI was at Festival Ironwood taking in public input. There will be a series of stakeholder meetings this fall.*
- *Staff kicked off our Housing Study project with HKGI back in June. Stakeholder meetings will be getting set up for October.*
- *I hope to get all our DPW crew into a City Commission meeting in August so that the Commission can meet everyone, including our three most recent hires once they all start.*
- *The Clerk's office is busy with the upcoming August election. 484 absentee ballots have been sent out and are due back on August 6th. Early voting starts on Saturday July 27th from 8:30 to 4:30 at the County Courthouse. And right after the August election the process will start for the November election!*
- *Reminder that our RFP is currently out for companies interested in bidding on our refuse and recycling contract. Those bids are due on 8/1/24.*
- *The Clemens Street project by Jakes Excavating is going to be getting paved within the next two weeks. Currently waiting for final schedule.*

R. Other Matters.

Commissioner Semo thanked Paul Anderson, Tim Erickson, and the DPW for all their hard work to revive Hiawatha Park. Commissioner Semo also thanked all the attendees for showing up to the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Hiawatha Park on Saturday, July 20, stating he's heard so many positive comments regarding the new playground and updated paint to the existing park equipment.

Commissioner Mildren thanked everyone who participated in Festival Ironwood, stating it was an incredible year again.

Mayor Corcoran expressed her sincere gratitude towards the volunteers who make Festival Ironwood happen each year. Also thanked the EDC Staff for their great work on making the City a “ready City” to help with future Economic Development opportunities. Mayor Corcoran reiterated that positive leads to positive and the City of Ironwood has a whole lot of positive happening!

S. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 P.M.

Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk