

### Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on August 12, 2024, 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: 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 22, 2024.

b. Special City Commission Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2024.

***Motion** was made by Andresen, seconded by Semo, 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 Korpi, 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 June 2024, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for June 2024.*

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).

*There were none.*

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. Discuss and consider approving the Rural Development Pay Package #13 in the amount of \$662,855.97 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 Korpi, to approve the Rural Development Pay Package #13 in the amount of \$662,855.97 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.*

I. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #1, to L.C. United for the Jessieville Spheroid Elevated Water Tank Improvements Project, in the amount of \$3,960.00, and extending the completion date from June 30 to September 30, 2024.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to approve Change Order #1, to L.C. United for the Jessieville Spheroid Elevated Water Tank Improvements Project, in the amount of \$3,960.00, and extending the completion date from June 30 to September 30, 2024. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- J. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #2, 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 #2, 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.

- K. Discuss and consider awarding the bid for Garbage and Recycling Services, to Republic Services, in the amount of \$540,087.36 for the first year of a 5-year contract, effective November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2029.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, to award the bid for Garbage and Recycling Services, to Republic Services, in the amount of \$540,087.36 for the first year of a 5-year contract, effective November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2029. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- L. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #3, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$12,079.02 for the 2024 Street Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

**Motion** was made by Andresen, seconded by Semo, to approve Change Order #3, for Jakes Excavating, which is an increase of \$12,079.02 for the 2024 Street Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and consider approving Payment #3, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$80,247.81 for the 2024 Street Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpi, to approve Payment #3, for Jake's Excavating, in the amount of \$80,247.81 for the 2024 Street Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- N. Discuss and consider authorizing the City to seek bids for the Community Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Project.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Andresen, and carried, to authorize the City to seek bids for the Community Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Project.

- O. Discuss and consider approving a First Amendment to the Purchase Agreement between Cinnaire Solutions and the City of Ironwood.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to approve a First Amendment to the Purchase Agreement between Cinnaire Solutions and the City of Ironwood extending the Purchase timeline to November 3, 2025. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

- P. Discuss and consider Resolution #024-016 Recognizing the Sisu Dirt Crew as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining Charitable Gaming Licenses.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to adopt Resolution #024-016 Recognizing the Sisu Dirt Crew as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining Charitable Gaming Licenses. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- Q. Discuss and consider approval of proposal from Makela, Pollack & Ahonen, P.L.L.C. to conduct the City's annual audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, through 2029.

***Motion** was made by Andresen, seconded by Korpi, to approve a proposal from Makela, Pollack & Ahonen, P.L.L.C. to conduct the City's annual audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, through 2029. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- R. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Corcoran re-appointed Gerald Gripper to the Human Relations and Equity Committee to fill a three-year term (term expiring July 31, 2027).

***Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Gerald Gripper to the Human Relations and Equity Committee to fill a three-year term (term expiring July 31, 2027).*

- S. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:

### Engineering Updates

- The Clemens Street project by Jakes Excavating is complete. Jakes will be working on the Memorial Building overflow parking lot next.
- The \$598,000 TMF grant for lead service line identification. Coleman is almost complete with bidding documents, and we will be out to bids in the coming weeks.
- \$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 talking with USDA RD about which items from the Phase 2 bid that we can move from Phase 2 into Phase 1 to spend our remaining contingency funds. We are aiming for fencing and gate work, along w/ extra pumps as well as Xcel natural gas line service. Working on getting USDA RD approval for this work at the time being.
- \$11MIL Phase 2 of the water plant: we received one bid from CD Smith Construction and are currently evaluating that bid. We hope to bring it forward to the City Commission at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in August for approval.
- The \$3MIL lead service line replacement project continues with Jakes Excavating. They are doing restoration work this week. They have taken about 271 addresses off our list to date. They have replaced 163 private galvanized services with copper to date and 17 on the City side. 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 last week. They started on Lake Ave and tie ins at both ends are complete. Working west to east on mainline pipe. After today they will be over ½ way done with Lake Ave main line and should be 100% complete by end of Wednesday. Then testing. Then start on the 30 service lines next week. Possibly two of those are galvanized

*LSLR. Temporary water is in on Albany, so we are assuming they are going there after this work on Lake Ave.*

- *Phase 5B water and sewer project the design has begun will continue through the winter. The bid will occur in the late winter or spring of 2025 and construction will occur in 2025 and 2026. This is roughly an \$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 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.*
- *The crane replacement for the DPW garage is due to be installed next week. Waiting on confirmation of that schedule.*
- *Crack sealing work is in progress. This years project will incorporate the north 1/3 of the City (north of the railroad grade, minus the Phase 5 project area).*
- *Jessieville water tank project: the painting work was completed last week and is now waiting for it to cure. This week we will work on the disinfection process and then work on getting it filled back up. The mixer is installed and awaiting electrical hookup the last I heard.*
- *Library Community Spaces Grant Project: The architect Meyer Group will be ready with plans for review at the end of the week and will be ready to go out to bid soon. Waiting for direction from the funding agency on the Environmental process that they want completed. The project is planned for construction in 2025.*
- *The concrete plant at the old Ironwood Readimix site is nearing completion. They plan to start mixing concrete in the next week.*

#### *Managers Updates*

- *Thanks to everyone that made the Gogebic County Fair a success.*
- *HKGI is working on the Comp plan and the housing plan. There will be a series of stakeholder meetings this October. We have regular meetings between our staff and theirs to keep up to date on where things are at.*
- *Our last new DPW employee Jared Olson started last week in the water department. I will work on arranging a time where the Commission and staff can meet everyone in the coming weeks.*
- *The Gogebic County Land Bank is celebrating 20 years of Land Banking on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. People are welcome to come help celebrate in front of the Gogebic County Courthouse at 10:30 AM.*
- *Thanks to the Clerk's office for another successful election on August 6<sup>th</sup>. That makes 4 elections in the past 12 months with one more still to go in November. They will start the absentee ballot process in the next week or so for the upcoming November Presidential election.*
- *Fall is right around the corner and that means that fall cleanup day is coming up too! September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> will be fall cleanup day at IPSD.*
- *The City of Ironwood received a Certificate of Election from the County Clerk Ramona Collins that the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center millage renewal was passed. This is fantastic news for the operation of the Civic Center.*
- *Speaking of fantastic news at the Civic Center, most of us have now heard the great news of the Ironwood Lumberjacks Junior Hockey Team. This will be a huge asset for the Civic Center and so many other organizations around the area.*
- *Curry Park Campgrounds Reservations Summary: Jen put together the following summary of reservations for the past three years:*

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*Curry Park Comparison 2022-CURRENT*

<i>1/1/2022 – 8/12/2022</i>	<i>8/13/2022 – End of Season (11/1/2022)</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
800 # of Reservations	459 # of Reservations	1259 # of Res.
\$31,935 Revenue	\$16,265 Revenue	\$48,200 Revenue
<i>1/1/2023 – 8/12/2023</i>	<i>8/13/2023 – 10/20/2023</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
870 # of Reservations	644 # of Reservations	1514 # of Res.
\$49,040 Revenue	\$19,605 Revenue	\$68,645 Revenue
<i>1/1/2024 – 8/12/2024</i>	<i>8/13/2024 – 10/6/2024*</i>	<i>CURRENT TOTAL</i>
906 # of Reservations	145 # of Reservations	1051 # of Res.
\$48,350 Revenue	\$11,880 Revenue	\$60,230 Revenue

*\*Campground has been very busy this summer. More reservations are expected this year.*

*Notes:*

*Online only reservations started in 2022.*

*Premier Software used in 2022-2023.*

*Current Rates in effect since 2022 camping season.*

*Campspot Software used in 2024.*

**T. Other Matters.**

*Commissioner Mildren expressed his excitement about the Lumberjacks Hockey Team coming to Ironwood and wished to thank all those who helped with the Gogebic County Fair, especially the 4-H members who made the fair happen this year.*

- U. Consider Closed Session** under section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss strategy and negotiation of an amendment to the AFSCME Bargaining Unit Agreement, as permissible under MCL 15.268(1)(c).

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Andresen, to enter closed session at 6:18 P.M., under section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiation of an amendment to the AFSCME Bargaining Unit Agreement, as permissible under MCL 15.268(1)(c). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

**V. Return to Open Session.**

**Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to return to open session at 6:42 P.M.

- W. Discuss and consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding** between the City of Ironwood and AFSCME Bargaining Unit.

**Motion** was made by Semo, seconded by Korpi, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Ironwood and AFSCME Bargaining Unit.

**X. Adjournment.**

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 P.M.

  
Kim S. Corcoran, Mayor

  
Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk