

## Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

An Organizational Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on November 10, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

A. City Clerk, Jennifer Jacobson called the Organizational Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

B. Report by City Clerk on Commissioners elected in the November 4, 2025, Election.

*City Clerk Jacobson reviewed the Election Results as well as the Board of Canvass Report from the Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Election. The five candidates receiving the highest number of votes were Kim Corcoran, 636 votes, Lauren Korpi, 628 votes, Jim Mildren, 521 votes, Steve Frank, 520 votes, and Timothy Dean, 498 votes. City Clerk Jacobson noted Kim S. Corcoran received the most votes with 636 and Lauren Korpi was second with 628. Kim agreed to continue in the role of Mayor and Lauren accepted the role of Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Ironwood.*

C. Oath of Office.

*City Clerk Jacobson administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Corcoran, Mayor Pro Tem Korpi, and City Commissioners Mildren, Frank, and Dean. Mayor Corcoran presided over the rest of the meeting.*

D. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Frank, Dean, Korpi, Mildren, and Mayor Corcoran.

ABSENT: None.

E. Approval of the Gogebic County Board of Canvasser's Report for the November 4, 2025, Election.

**Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to receive and place on file the Board of Canvassers' Report from the November 4, 2025, Election. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

F. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2025.
- b. Special City Commission Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2025.
- c. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2025.

2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2025.
- b. Department of Public Works Updates.

**Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

G. Approval of the Agenda.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to approve the Agenda as presented.

H. Adoption of Rules of the City Commission.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Frank, and carried, to approve the Rules of the City Commission.

I. Consider designation of official Newspaper and official Radio Stations to be The Globe, WJMS-WIMI and WUPM-WHRY.

**Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to designate the official Newspaper as The Globe and official Radio Stations as WJMS-WIMI and WUPM-WHRY.

J. Consider appointments of Douglas Muskett, McKenzie & Muskett, PC, as the City's General Attorney, Laura Reilly, Kendricks, Bordeaux, Keefe, Seavoy & Larsen, P.C., as the City's Labor Attorney, and Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, P.L.C. as the City's Bond Attorney.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Dean, and carried, to appoint Douglas Muskett, McKenzie & Muskett, PC, as the City's General Attorney, Laura Reilly, Kendricks, Bordeaux, Keefe, Seavoy & Larsen, P.C., as the City's Labor Attorney, and Miller, Canfield, Paddock, and Stone, P.L.C. as the City's Bond Attorney.

K. Consider appointment of one Commissioner and one alternate Commissioner to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board.

Mayor Corcoran appointed Commissioner Dean to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board along with Commissioner Mildren as the alternate.

**Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Dean to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board along with Commissioner Mildren as the alternate.

L. Consider appointment of one Commissioner to the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board of Directors.

Mayor Corcoran reappointed Commissioner Mildren to the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board of Directors.

**Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Dean, and carried, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Commissioner Mildren to the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Board of Directors.

M. Consider appointment of one Commissioner to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Corcoran appointed Commissioner Frank to the Planning Commission.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Frank to the Planning Commission.

N. Consider appointment of one Commissioner to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Mayor Corcoran appointed Commissioner Korpi to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Dean, and carried, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Korpi to the Parks & Recreation Committee.*

O. Consider appointment of one Commissioner to the Historic Ironwood Theatre Board.

Mayor Corcoran appointed Commissioner Dean to the Historic Ironwood Theatre Board.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Commissioner Dean to the Historic Ironwood Theatre Board.*

P. Consider appointment of one Commissioner to the Ironwood Carnegie Library Board.

Mayor Corcoran reappointed herself to the Ironwood Carnegie Library Board.

***Motion** was made by Frank, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of herself to the Ironwood Carnegie Library Board.*

Q. Consider appointment of a board member to the Michigan's Western Gateway Trail Authority Board.

Mayor Corcoran appointed City Manager Paul Anderson, as the board member to the Michigan's Western Gateway Trail Authority Board.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to approve the Mayor's reappointment of City Manager Paul Anderson as the board member to the Michigan's Western Gateway Trail Authority Board.*

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

S. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Three Minute Limit).  
*There were none.*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

T. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #21, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., which is an increase of \$142,268.93 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve Change Order #21, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., which is an increase of \$142,268.93 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.  
Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

U. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #17, for C.D. Smith, which is an increase of \$36,986.60, for the Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

**Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Dean, to approve Change Order #17, for C.D. Smith, which is an increase of \$36,986.60, for the Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- V. Discuss and consider approving the Rural Development Pay Package #25, in the amount of \$155,211.36 for the City of Ironwood – Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Frank, to approve the Rural Development Pay Package #25, in the amount of \$155,211.36 for the City of Ironwood – Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- W. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #10, for C.D. Smith, which is an increase of \$24,848.76, for the Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

**Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Korpi, to approve Change Order #10, for C.D. Smith, which is an increase of \$24,848.76, for the Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- X. Discuss and consider approving Payment #11, for C.D. Smith, in the amount of \$790,703.62 for the City of Ironwood – Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve Payment #11, for C.D. Smith, in the amount of \$790,703.62 for the City of Ironwood – Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*There was none.*

- Y. Manager's Report.

*City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:*

### **Engineering Projects**

- **\$33MIL Wastewater Plant Project for GIWA:**
  - *Work continues in the oxidation ditch for creating the new anoxic zone. Contractor did the demo of aerator discs and new roofing.*
  - *Digester #3 has been completed. Working on final clarifier #2 through 12/15/25.*
  - *Working on layout and configuration for MCC's and SCADA system (electrical and computer control systems for the entire plant for each building).*
  - *Demolished the north sludge press in building 50. New screw press and dryer to be installed this winter. The million-dollar Chinese sludge dryer is coming this winter. This is the biggest hangup on the whole project.*
  - *Work continues on the backup generators electrical, and plant wide electrical startup is happening on 12/3/25.*

- *\$11MIL Phase 1 of the water plant project continues with CD Smith Construction. We are working on spending the last of the contingency money by completing some well rehab and other minor miscellaneous work. This work is scheduled to be complete by 11/30/25.*
- *\$11MIL Phase 2 of the water treatment plant*
  - *CD Smith will be pouring the final wall pour at noon Wednesday this week. Then start structural slab for the ceiling of the clearwell. That will take 3 weeks.*
  - *Cleaning up three filter bay tanks and testing the 4<sup>th</sup> bay.*
  - *December - start garage roof wood framing.*
  - *The old clearwell has been taken down and filled in.*
  - *Next week Snow Country Contracting has the 16" caps in hand and will be looking to terminate the 16" lines leading to the old pump house in the very near future.*
  - *The electricians will be working in the new building running conduits and lighting.*
  - *The mechanical contractors are working on backwash pump system and air blower system.*
  - *CD Smith will be pouring the garage slab in about 3 weeks.*
  - *Radio communications 60' tall tower up on Mt Zion will be installed this week.*
- *Phase 5A \$1.6MIL water system project. Completed August 2025.*
- *Phase 5B \$3.8MIL and Phase 5C \$1.8MIL water / sewer project*
  - *2025 work wrapped up for the season.*
  - *Punchlist work on this year's work to be performed in summer 2026. Then second lift of paving mid to late summer 2026.*
  - *In the summer of 2026, utility and road work will be performed on all of Ridge Street and the westerly portion of Arch Street between Hemlock and Lowell Street. All Phase 5 work has a funding deadline for Final Completion of September 1, 2026.*
  - *Xcel Energy and Q3 contracting are completing Arch and Ridge streets the remainder of this fall.*
- *The \$3MIL lead service line replacement project with Jakes Excavating: Now that Jakes is done with pipe work on Phase 5, they are back to working on numerous remaining lead service line replacements. There is roughly \$700K remaining in budget for this job.*
- *The \$598,000 TMF grant work continues by Jakes Excavating. Roughly \$100K budget remains on this job. Project currently on hold waiting for more unknowns to come up.*
- *2025 Small Urban Grant Project Update: \$375K grant will be split between these two projects:*
  - *Project 1: Superior street and Curry St mill and overlay: both are complete with punch list work occurring.*
  - *Project 2 – Chip seal work by Fahrner Asphalt is complete and closed out.*
- *Library Community Spaces Grant Project: Ruotsala Construction is working on the block and brick work. They will be using tenting to complete the remaining exterior work. They hope to be completed by December. Some minor restoration may remain next spring.*
- *Newport Heights water future project: We missed the EGLE funding list by a couple of spots. We will likely get an offer from them if others turn down the offers, they were provided due to relatively low grant to loan percentage. The USDA Rural Development application has been on hold with the government shutdown.*
- *Phase 6 preliminary engineering report is in the early phases with work that began in August 2025.*
- *Our 24 sanitary sewer flow meters have been taken out for the season, and we are currently analyzing results from our vendor for setup next year.*

- *Civic Center Ice Making Plant Project – The bid specifications are in to MDNR for review and approval. We hope to bid the project in January 2026 for summer 2026 construction.*
- *Roof drain disconnection: we are still waiting on confirmation that the last 2 roof drains have been repaired so that we can retest.*
- *Old County Road Waterline: we are working through the steps with the State of Michigan Community Development Block WRI Grant for this \$900K project for waterline work on Old County Road east of Country Club Road. Currently waiting on the SHPO application to be processed by the State. Once we receive that back then our Environmental consultant will perform their work. A certified grant administrator is hired by the State to administer the project. Coleman is completing the design this fall and we plan to bid the project this winter for construction in 2026. We are also bidding out a waterline on Rock Road (just south of Aurora Club) as a bid alternate in case contingency funds are available for this project.*
- *MDOT US2 project: the WI/MI border bridge on US-2 was wrapped up last week and now Xcel plans to do a lane closure on the northernmost westbound lane for approximately one week in order to execute a new electric line project.*
- *Downtown entrance sign at Gogebic Range Bank: Footings are in, and Stratford Sign Company should be back in a couple of weeks to install the sign and associated planter base. Gogebic Range Bank has agreed to allow the City to tie into their parking lot lights electrical to run the sign lighting.*
- *DPW Cold Storage Building: Angelo Luppino construction is working on the building which measures 60'x100' with 18' tall walls and 12' wide lean to's on the two long sides with three garage doors and two man-doors. Siding and roofing are being installed and scheduled to be completed in the next two weeks.*

### ***Manager's Update***

- *First measurable snow of the season was yesterday. Our plows went out at 1AM and 3AM this morning. Reminder that we are currently in the No overnight parking ban until April.*
- *We are going to keep the Depot Park bathrooms open this week and next week and then they will be closed for season.*
- *This coming weekend will be the last weekend that the Compost Site is open.*
- *Norrie Park and the cemetery will be closed for the season this coming week.*
- *The City's Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt continues. We have had 16 does harvested to date. Good luck to rifle hunters with the Michigan rifle deer opener this Saturday.*
- *The City's Recodification of all City Codes Project is still in process. A Work Session will occur in December once the updated draft Code is available for review. This is about a 2-year project to bring all the City's existing Codes current.*
- *The 10-year Comprehensive Plan update is continuing through the process as our staff works with HKGI on reviewing all the different chapters. Public review process will be occurring over the next couple of months.*
- *Sisu race date has been announced for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. New race staff will be hosting meetings to coordinate the event.*
- *Tomorrow is Veterans Day. Thank you so much to all the Veterans who have served to protect our Country.*
- *City offices will be closed on November 27 and 28 in observation of Thanksgiving.*


Z. Other Matters.

*Commissioner Frank mentioned dumping on the beltline trail, Marquette Street Church pigeon issue and E. Pine Street house having issues beyond blight, employee years of service pins, and wanted to recognize his friend Jim Albert, who never got the recognition deserved.*

*Mayor Corcoran thanked City Staff for doing the newly elected Commissioner Orientation, reminded the staff and public that the Tree Lighting Ceremony is taking place at Depot Park on November 20, and encourages people to attend the Ironwood School Veteran's Day Program at the School tomorrow, November 11, 2025.*

AA. Adjournment

**Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 P.M.



Kim Corcoran, Mayor



Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk