

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on December 22, 2025, 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 Frank, Korpi, Mildren, and Mayor Corcoran
ABSENT: Commissioner Dean
3. Public Hearing: To receive public comment relative Ordinance Number 558, an Ordinance to vacate an Alley between Francis Street to the North, Coolidge Street to the South, Nightengale Street to the West and Lowell Street to the East, Block 7 & 8 Grandview Addition. No additional comments were received.
4. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:27 P.M.

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

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioners Frank, Korpi, Mildren, and Mayor Corcoran
ABSENT: Commissioner Dean

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2025.

2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of July 9, and November 5, 2025.
- b. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of May 5, and July 7, 2025.
- c. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2025.
- d. Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes of October 14 (revised), and November 11, 2025.

Motion was made by Korpi, seconded by Frank, 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 Mildren, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending November 30, 2025, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for November 2025.

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

Motion was made by Frank, seconded by Korpi, to approve the Check Register Report for November 2025 as presented. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance Number 558, an Ordinance to vacate an Alley between Francis Street to the North, Coolidge Street to the South, Nightengale Street to the West and Lowell Street to the East, Block 7 & 8 Grandview Addition.

Motion was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to adopt Ordinance Number 558, an Ordinance to vacate an Alley between Francis Street to the North, Coolidge Street to the South, Nightengale Street to the West and Lowell Street to the East, Block 7 & 8 Grandview Addition. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

J. Discuss and consider approving Payment #24, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of \$207,230.72 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 Payment #24, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of \$207,230.72 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Discuss and consider approving Payment #7, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of \$125,169.26 for the Phase 5B Water and Sewer Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Frank, seconded by Korpi, to approve Payment #7, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of \$125,169.26 for the Phase 5B Water and Sewer Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

L. Discuss and consider approving the Rural Development Pay Package #7 in the amount of \$71,719.24 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 5B Sewer Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

Motion was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Rural Development Pay Package #7 in the amount of \$71,719.24 for the City of Ironwood – Phase 5B Sewer Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- M. Discuss and consider approving Payment #8, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of \$50,766.95 for the Phase 5C Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Water Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to approve Payment #8, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of \$50,766.95 for the Phase 5C Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Water Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- N. Discuss and consider approving Payment #9, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of \$21,813.32 for the TMF Water Service Exploration Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve Payment #9, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of \$21,813.32 for the TMF Water Service Exploration Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- O. Discuss and consider the Amendment to the American Rescue Plan – State Revolving Funding (ARPA Funded) Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and the City of Ironwood for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment.

***Motion** was made by Frank, seconded by Korpi, to approve the Amendment to the American Rescue Plan – State Revolving Funding (ARPA Funded) Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and the City of Ironwood for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- P. Discuss and consider water purchase agreement with Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Frank, to approve water purchase agreement with Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- Q. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #025-053-A, to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 5:25 P.M., to hear comment on a blight violation at 209 W. Ridge Street (#52-22-151-110).

***Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Frank, to adopt Resolution #025-053-A, to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 5:25 P.M., to hear comment on a blight violation at 209 W. Ridge Street (#52-22-151-110). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- R. Mayor's Appointments.

Mayor Corcoran appointed Chris Tweiten to fill the unexpired 3-year term on the Parks & Recreation Committee with the Term ending July 1, 2027.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to appoint Chris Tweiten to fill the unexpired 3-year term on the Parks & Recreation Committee with the Term ending July 1, 2027.*

Mayor Corcoran reappointed Paul Anderson to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board with the Term ending November 13, 2028.

Motion was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to reappoint Paul Anderson to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board with the Term ending November 13, 2028.

Mayor Corcoran reappointed Bob Tervonen to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board with the Term ending February 28, 2026.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to reappoint Bob Tervonen to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board with the Term ending February 28, 2026.

Mayor Corcoran appointed Devon DeRosso to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board with the Term beginning March 1, 2026, and ending November 13, 2028.

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, and carried, to appoint Devon DeRosso to the Gogebic-Iron Wastewater Authority and Board with the Term beginning March 1, 2026, and ending November 13, 2028.

S. 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. Roof panels are installed now with exception of caulking to happen in the spring. Aerators are set and started up is TBD.*
 - *Working on final clarifier #2 Is complete and in operation.*
 - *Chemical building painting is done for now. Painting building #70 is starting now.*
 - *Working on layout and configuration for MCC's and SCADA system (electrical and computer control systems for the entire plant for each building). Setting MCCs in Buildings 10 and 25 is complete. Demolition of old sludge press foundation. Demolition of pump pads in building 25. Electricians working on fiber raceway between buildings 35, 25, and 10 to hook up new MCC's/PLC.*
 - *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.*
 - *Backup generator was installed and started up. However, the switchgear for this generator is still in progress for allowing the whole plant to run off the new generator. Still hooked up to the old generator.*
 - *Meeting with CD Smith and all subs tomorrow to discuss fast tracking of remaining work to meet the project deadline of June 2026.*
- *\$11MIL Phase 1 of the water plant project continues with CD Smith Construction. We are working on spending the last of the contingency money. Trying to pull together contract work for converting our chlorine gas to liquid chlorine out at the Big Springs well field.*
- *\$11MIL Phase 2 of the water treatment plant*
 - *CD Smith is forming structural slab for the ceiling of the clearwell. Plan on pouring ½ on 12/29.*
 - *August Winters working on process piping.*
 - *Pieper's is working on electrical throughout building.*
 - *Painting working the week after NY's for miscellaneous painting.*

- Retention tank repairs are made and now working on piping and floor then will water test again.
- The garage slab is now poured. Temporary heating of garage and clearwell is currently happening. Trusses on top of garage to begin installation in early to mid-January.
- Garage heaters and air handlers will be going in early to mid-January.
- Snow Country was onsite last week to perform site piping on north side of building and dig the infiltration basin. They encountered 2.5 feet of frost and determined that it would be best to perform the work in spring 2026. CD Smith is reworking their schedule based on this change.
- 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 and on hold for the winter.
 - 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.
- The \$3MIL Lead Service Line Replacement project with Jakes Excavating: On hold for the winter. There is roughly \$600K remaining in budget for this job.
- The \$598,000 TMF grant with Jakes Excavating is also on hold for the winter. Roughly \$100K budget remains on this job. On hold for the winter.
- 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 January. Some minor restoration may remain next spring.
- Newport Heights water future project: Waiting on USDA Rural Development to finalize our application now that the government is back open. Also have an EGLE funding application in for the next fiscal year.
- Phase 6 preliminary engineering report from Coleman Engineering is completed in draft form and in the City's court to review it.
- Our 24 sanitary sewer flow meters have been taken out for the season, and we are currently analyzing results from our vendor for planning for next year.
- Civic Center Ice Making Plant Project – The bid specifications are in to MDNR for review and approval. They stated we should have comments the first week or two of 2026.
- 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.
 - The SHPO application is back from the State with No Historic Properties to be affected.
 - We are now waiting on our Environmental consultant to perform their work to hopefully find No Significant Impact to the environment. They are waiting on the Tribal 30-day review.
 - We sent out tribal review letters on 12/12/25 to 15 different tribes in the region and are in the middle of a 30-day review period.
 - A certified grant administrator has been hired by the State to administer the project. They are reviewing the bidding documents created by Coleman.
 - Coleman has the design completed and we plan to bid the project in late January/early February for construction in summer 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.
- Downtown entrance sign at Gogebic Range Bank: Footings are in, and Stratford Sign Company plans to install the sign and associated plantar base on 12/30/25.

- *DPW Cold Storage Building: Angelo Luppino construction completed construction in November. Xcel ran power to the building last week. Our electrician just needs to finalize hooking everything up after Christmas.*

General Information

- *The City's Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt continues. We have had 17 does harvested to date. Hunting does is permitted through 12/31/25.*
- *The City's Recodification of all City Codes Project is still in process. A Work Session will occur in January 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 is set for January 10th, 2026. New race staff are hosting meetings to coordinate the event and work bees to clear the downed trees from the racecourse. If people wish to help volunteer, please let me know.*
- *We currently have our older grader (of our 2 graders) down for exhaust repairs for what will likely be a few weeks. We plan on using our trusty old FWD two-man snowplow to get us through temporarily while the repairs are being made. We also have our sand/salt front end loader that we could use for plowing operation should it be needed. It's good to keep this old equipment for situations like this.*
- *I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with family and friends. City offices will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of both this week for Christmas and next week for New Years.*

T. Other Matters.

Commissioner Mildren wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

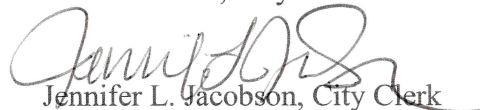
Mayor Corcoran also wished everyone Happy Holiday's and passes along her thank you and appreciation to the DPW for their plowing efforts so far this winter.

U. Adjournment

Motion was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 P.M.



Kim Corcoran, Mayor



Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk

