

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on June 8, 2026, 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 Dean, Frank, Korpi, Mildren, and Mayor Corcoran
ABSENT: None
3. Public Hearing: To hear comments relative to Ordinance #559, an Ordinance amending the City of Ironwood Code of Ordinances Chapter 31 Utilities, Article II, by adding Division 3. Mandatory Replacement of Lead Service Line.
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 Dean, Frank, Korpi, Mildren, and Mayor Corcoran
ABSENT: None

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026.
- b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026.

2) Review and Place on File:

- a. Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026.

Motion was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, 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. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit).
There were none.

F. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit).
Kristen Calhoon, of BK Properties, addressed the Commission on her need to have a lead inspection as required by the Covantage Credit Union. Kristen indicated she had to write a \$3,500 check to the inspector and is not sure what he even inspected. Mayor Corcoran indicated that the City is currently working on a lead service line replacement project for waterlines, not interior needs.

Bill Nantell, of BK Properties, addressed the Commission on grant opportunities available for his rehabilitation of a downtown building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- G. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance Number 559, an Ordinance amending the City of Ironwood Code of Ordinances Chapter 31 Utilities, Article II, by adding Division 3. Mandatory Replacement of Lead Service Line.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Frank, to adopt Ordinance Number 559, an Ordinance amending the City of Ironwood Code of Ordinances Chapter 31 Utilities, Article II, by adding Division 3. Mandatory Replacement of Lead Service Line. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- H. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #15, for C.D. Smith, which is an increase of \$8,687.62 for the Water Treatment Phase 2 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Frank, to approve Change Order #15, for C.D. Smith, which is an increase of \$8,687.62 for the Water Treatment Phase 2 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

- I. Discuss and consider approving Payment #19, for C.D. Smith, in the amount of \$370,607.25 for the City of Ironwood – Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Frank, to approve Payment #19, for C.D. Smith, in the amount of \$370,607.25 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.*

- J. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #026-011, Ballot Proposal Language to amend the City Charter by changing the City Commissioner Terms to be staggered four-year terms.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to adopt Resolution #026-011, Ballot Proposal Language to amend the City Charter by changing the City Commissioner Terms to be staggered four-year terms. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

- K. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #026-012, authorizing the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and adopt the 2026-2027 Fee Schedule.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to adopt Resolution #026-012, authorizing the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and adopt the 2026-2027 Fee Schedule.*

Yes (4): Commissioners Mildren, Dean, Korpi, and Mayor Corcoran.

No (1): Commissioner Frank.

***Motion** carried on a 4 to 1 roll call vote.*

- L. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #026-013, authorizing the transfer of delinquent invoices for expenses incurred to the July 2026 City Tax Roll.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Korpi, to adopt Resolution #026-013, authorizing the transfer of delinquent invoices for expenses incurred to the July 2026 City Tax Roll. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

M. Discuss and acknowledge the introduction of Ordinance Number 560, an Ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Ironwood; providing for the repeal of certain Ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; and providing for the manner of amending such code, and schedule a Public Hearing for 5:25 P.M. on Monday, June 22, 2026.

***Motion** was made by Frank, seconded by Dean, and carried, to acknowledge the introduction of Ordinance Number 560, an Ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Ironwood; providing for the repeal of certain Ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; and providing for the manner of amending such code, and schedule a Public Hearing for 5:25 P.M. on Monday, June 22, 2026.*

N. Manager's Report.

City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following written updates:

Engineering Projects

- *\$33MIL Wastewater Plant Project for GIWA:*
 - *Working on west primary clarifier. Using a crane to work on roof panels.*
 - *Forming and pouring equipment sludge screw press in building 50*
 - *Caulking and painting oxidation ditch exterior walls*
 - *Demo screw pump #3*
 - *MCC installation and set up in building 40*
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 - *The million-dollar dryer had some very minor damage incurred when accidentally hit by August Winters (mechanical contractor). August Winters is fixing this and working on letter from Manufacturer that states that the warranty is not affected.*
- *\$22MIL water treatment plant:*
 - *Bacterial testing in filter bays and detention tanks in progress. Then they can be drained down. Then anthracite can be installed starting 6/9/26. HDR to inspect the week of 6/15.*
 - *Electricians installing VFD's at the last well. Then communications can be finalized.*
 - *Garage apron is poured. There are a couple of more small concrete pours remaining.*
 - *June 15th installing stairs.*
 - *Snow Country completing road gravel and top soiling.*
 - *Working is nearing substantial completion. Still on schedule for startup to occur mid-June. June 15th, or so, will be the start of the 15-day demonstration period. This trial testing water will be wasted on site in the infiltration basin until the Engineers and the State are in approval of the product. Then the project will start pumping treated water into the City system.*
- *Phase 5B \$3.8MIL and Phase 5C \$1.8MIL water / sewer project*
 - *Ridge St water and sewer mainline is complete. They are working on completing service lines to the homes on this street.*
 - *Topsoil and hydroseeding are nearing completion. Watering is by the contractor.*
 - *Arch street water and sewer mainline instillation will start the week of June 15th. Removals of existing asphalt and sidewalks will happen the week of June 8th.*
 - *Punchlist work on last year's work is in progress. This mainly consists of some curb and sidewalk replacement and a couple of settlement areas to be fixed. Then second lift of paving will be in July.*
 - *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: The week of June 8th, Jakes will be doing a nighttime waterline valve installation in front of Domino's. Mailers*

have been sent out to all of the downtown businesses. There will be a detour of BR2 for the entire week as they have other lead service lines to install as well. The Contractor also has a restoration crew going around and restoring grass and sidewalks in affected areas from this spring's work.

- *The \$598,000 TMF grant with Jakes Excavating is complete for now. We still have funds left if we need to use the funds to identify materials in the coming months. We are using some of the funds to complete restoration of sidewalks.*
- *The 29 sanitary sewer flow meters have been deployed for the summer.*
- *Civic Center Ice Making Plant Project – the demo of the old system is complete. New concrete slab being poured in coming weeks. City staff has submitted drawings for the parking lot improvements to MDNR for review.*
- *Old County Road and Rock Road Waterlines: Ruotsala work to start in July. Contract signing is complete.*
- *FY 27 Small Urban MDOT Funding for Douglas Boulevard Sidewalks: Coleman Engineering is currently working on design of the project. The goal is to have this out to bid late fall 2026 for 2027 construction.*
- *Community Development is in the process of rehabbing up to 7 properties with the current MSHDA Round 1 Mi Neighborhood grant. Waiting on contractors to begin work.*
- *\$50,000 Michigan Infrastructure Office Technical Assistance Center grant for smoke testing: grant agreement has been signed, and project is expecting to start work any day. They will put out notices to affected homes prior to starting work.*
- *Industrial Park study: Coleman Engineering and a wetland consultant will be performing a study on the City's 70-acre property that is at the corner of Old County Road and South Davis Road. That work is under contract and in progress already. This work is being paid for by a \$47,500 Invest UP site readiness grant.*
- *Painting of the pavilion at Norrie Park is now complete by Hobbs Painting. This was very long overdue as the paint was chipping and peeling away.*
- *Projects that still need to be bid out yet this year:*
 - *Asphalt parking area at Civic Center (out for DNR review)*
 - *Tub grinding of wood chips at Compost Site (in progress)*
 - *Clean and inspect Mt Zion tank (in progress)*
 - *Newport School playground (in progress)*
 - *Memorial Building painting*

General Information

- *Update to the City's Employee Policy and Procedure Manual is in progress.*
- *City administrative staff wage study is still in progress. Draft report is expected in the next two weeks.*
- *School is out for the summer after today (6/5/26). The splash pad will be busy with all this nice weather.*
- *Ironwood Area Schools's Meet Up and Eat Up Free Summer Lunch Program will begin serving lunches to area children ages 18 and under at the Depot Pavilion on weekdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning Monday, June 8, through Friday, August 14. No lunches will be served on July 3 or during Festival Ironwood week.*
- *IPSD is in the process of sending out blight letters.*

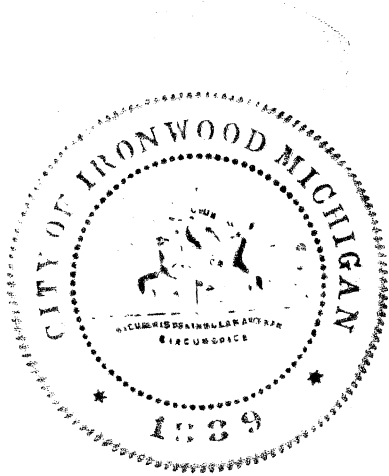
O. Other Matters.

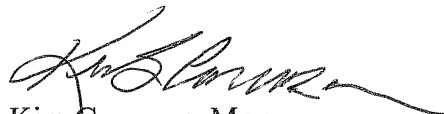
Commissioner Mildren asked Mayor Corcoran to comment on the Library Open House held on May 29, 2026. Mayor Corcoran reported that the event was very well attended and highlighted the community's excitement and enthusiasm for the Library's new addition. She expressed appreciation to Lynne Wiercinski, Library Director, and the Friends of the Library for their dedication and hard work in making the long-envisioned expansion a reality.

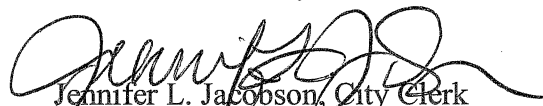
Commissioner Korpi commended the Pride Planning Committee on their efforts for the downtown events at City Square over the weekend.

P. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 P.M.*




Kim Corcoran, Mayor


Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk