Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on July 27, 2026, 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 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 July 13, 2026.
b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2026.

2) Review and Place on File:
a. Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2026.
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.*

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 Korpi, seconded by Mildren, and carried, to receive and place on file the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Report for the month ending June 30, 2026, and the Cash and Investment Summary Report for June 2026.*

F. Approval of Monthly Check Register Report.

***Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to approve the Check Register Report for June 2026 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).
Lydia Christensen addressed the Commission regarding a previous request to place Flock Cameras on the Agenda.

Brittany Martin addressed the Commission to ask when Flock Cameras might be on the Agenda.

Ryan Skoviera addressed the Commission in opposition of Flock cameras.

Crystal Lederer addressed the Commission in opposition of Flock cameras.

Jeremy Lederer addressed the Commission in opposition of Flock cameras.

Tim Bale addressed the Commission in opposition of Flock cameras.

David Bale addressed the Commission in opposition of Flock cameras.

Nate Bale addressed the Commission in opposition of Flock cameras.

Steve Lundy addressed the Commission regarding Flock cameras.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Discuss and consider authorizing a cost-of-living adjustment for the City's non-union staff, retroactive to July 1, 2026.

***Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Dean, to approve authorizing a 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment, retroactive to July 1, 2026, for the City's non-union employees, which includes the City Manager, City Assessor/DPW Supervisor, Building Inspector, Clerk, Finance Director/Treasurer, Deputy Finance Director/Treasurer, Human Resources Manager, Utility Manager, Ironwood Public Safety Director and Public Safety Administrative Assistant, Community Development Director, and Community Development Assistant. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

J. Discuss and consider approving a proposal for playground equipment for Jessieville Playground.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Frank, to approve the $129,991.96 Penchura proposal for new playground equipment at the Jessieville Playground. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

K. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #25 for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., which is an increase of $11,460.08 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Korpi, to approve Change Order #25 for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., which is an increase of $11,460.08 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

L. Discuss and consider approving Payment #27, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of $184,306.34 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to approve Payment #27, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of $184,306.34 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

M. Discuss and consider approving Payment #9, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of $516,868.43 for the Phase 5B Water and Sewer Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to approve Payment #9, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of $516,868.43 for the Phase 5B Water and Sewer Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

N. Discuss and consider approving the Rural Development Pay Package #10, in the amount of $217,984.12 for the Phase 5B Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Frank, to approve Rural Development Pay Package #10, in the amount of $217,984.12 for the Phase 5B Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

O. Discuss and consider approving Payment #9, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of $228,049.59 for the Phase 5C Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Water Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Dean, to approve Payment #9, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of $228,049.59 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.*

P. Discuss and consider approving Change Order #4, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., which is a decrease of $827.00 for the TMF Water Service Exploration Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to approve Change Order #4, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., which is a decrease of $827.00 for the TMF Water Service Exploration Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

Q. Discuss and consider approving Payment #11, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of $18,743.20 for the TMF Water Service Exploration Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Frank, to approve Payment #11, for Jake's Excavating and Landscaping, LLC., in the amount of $18,743.20 for the TMF Water Service Exploration Project and authorize the Mayor to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

R. Discuss and consider approving a contract with Midco Diving and Marine Services for cleaning and inspecting water tanks for $24,389 plus additional services as to be approved by the City Manager.

***Motion** was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve contract with Midco Diving and Marine Services for cleaning and inspecting water tanks for $24,389 plus additional services as to be approved by the City Manager. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

NEW BUSINESS

S. Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to seek bids for the Memorial Building brick restoration project.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Frank, to approve City Manager to seek bids for the Memorial Building brick restoration project. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

T. Discuss and consider approving Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Amendments for HDR for additional fees of $65,500.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Frank, to approve Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Amendments for HDR for additional fees of $65,500. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

U. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution #026-015, a Resolution approving an Internal Loan between the General Fund and the Equipment Fund for the purchase of a new DPW Grader.

Motion *was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to adopt Resolution #026-015, a Resolution approving an Internal Loan between the General Fund and the Equipment Fund for the purchase of a new DPW Grader. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

V. Discuss and consider a request from the Friends of Miners Memorial Heritage Park.

Motion *was made by Mildren, seconded by Korpi, to approve request from the Friends of Miners Memorial Heritage Park. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

W. Discuss and consider approving a Match on Main Program Grant Agreement for UP-N-Smoke, BBQ, LLC., and authorize the City Manager to sign all applicable documents.

Motion *was made by Korpi, seconded by Mildren, to approve Match on Main Program Grant Agreement for UP-N-Smoke, BBQ, LLC., and authorize the City Manager to sign all applicable documents. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.*

X. Manager's Report.
City Manager Paul Anderson provided the following verbal updates:

Engineering Projects

- *Road Construction Updates:*
  - *Southwest Street will be closed for a few days this week starting this afternoon. This is for paving reconstruction of numerous intersections. The detour has been posted online or one can go through Clemens Street and Penokee Road.*
  - *Frenchtown Road will remain closed this week from Penokee Road to Rock Road for watermain reconstruction.*
  - *Old County Road will remain closed this week from Country Club Road to South Davis Road. This is for water main reconstruction on Old County Road.*
  - *Lowell Street will remain closed this week for completion of utility and paving work. The current goal is to have that opened by the end of this week.*
  - *Ridge and Arch Streets: Curb and sidewalk work continues by Jake's Excavating. Curb on Ridge Street starting this week. Paving and restoration of these two streets will be complete by the end of August 2026.*
  - *BR-2 Douglas Blvd from US2 to Francis Street will be closed for Thursday night this week. Just during the evening hours. This is for completing sanitary sewer pipe restoration work.*
  - *BR-2 Suffolk Street from Ayer Street to Aurora Street: that one block will be closed next week on Monday and Tuesday for a lead service line repair. Notice has been mailed out to the businesses on that block.*
- *Crack Sealing on the south side of town is wrapping up today and tomorrow.*
- *$33MIL Wastewater Plant Project for GIWA:*
  - *CD Smith is working on a wide variety of mechanical and electrical upgrade projects that make up this large project. Currently stating that the project is on schedule.*
  - *$22MIL water treatment plant:*
  - *Demonstration period (3 weeks) is about two weeks through of the 3 weeks total.*
- *Phase 5B $3.8MIL and Phase 5C $1.8MIL water / sewer project*

- *Ridge St and Arch Street all underground pipelines are complete. They are now rebuilding the roads with gravel and breaker run rock and have begun pouring sidewalks on Ridge Street.*
- *Repairs on last years work are now complete. Top lift of paving for last years work was done over the past couple of weeks.*

- *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: Jake's is still working through the remainder of the list with approximately 20 remaining service lines to complete.*
- *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. The parking lot improvements are out to bid. Rinktec is having delays on their new BABA compliant chiller so their plan is to bring us a temporary chiller system to run until they can install the new system. No extra charge for us.*
- *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: Smoke Testing has been going on for 4 weeks already with approximately 1 more weeks to go.*
- *Industrial Park study: Coleman Engineering and a wetland consultant are 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. Survey, drilling and wetland work is complete. Coleman is now performing the engineering study.*
- *Matt Sterbenz is coordinating some building maintenance projects at IPSD. This includes painting of the metal and garage door repairs, among other things.*
- *The City Manager has hired Angelo Luppino Inc to perform repairs to the Norrie Park Boardwalk for the section of the boardwalk that was heaved and "wavy".*
- *Projects that still need to be bid out yet this year:*
  - *Asphalt parking area at Civic Center (bids due end of July (30th))*
  - *Tub grinding wood chips at Compost Site (in progress)*
  - *Memorial Building paint repairs*

General Information

- *IPSD is working through the blight letter process. Hundreds of letters have been sent out. The summer help has now mowed two rounds of grass blight with a third round coming soon.*
- *The Wage Study Consultant is making some updates to the wage study as per comments from the Wage Committee (City Manager, Mayor Corcoran, Commissioner Korpi, Finance Director). Once these updates are back, the Committee plans on bringing forward a new wage system structure to the City Commission for approval.*
- *HKGI is starting the zoning code update process with our Community Development office.*
- *With the announcement that both GOISD and Little Lights daycares will be closing this August, Tom Bergman has been having a plethora of meetings with State and local officials trying to find a solution for expanding childcare services in the very near future.*

Y. Other Matters.

Mayor Corcoran wished to publicly thank all the volunteers who helped with Festival Ironwood and applauded the firefighters who responded and helped fight the Norrie Club Fire last week.

Z. Adjournment.

***Motion** was made by Dean, seconded by Frank, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 P.M.*

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk