



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, September 26, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 8:00 A.M. in the Ironwood Memorial Building Women’s Club Room.

1. Call to Order: Chair Flory called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Vacant				
Kim Corcoran	X			
Vacant				
Lynne Wiercinski		X	X	
Eric Moran	X			
Kevin Nyquist		X	X	
Robbie Sardinha	X			
Bruce Greenhill	X			
	5	2	Quorum	

Also, present: Community Development Assistant, Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the August 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes:
**Motion by Corcoran to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Moran.
Motion carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Moran to approve the agenda. Second by Corcoran. Motion carried 5 to 0.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit):
None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Authority on Items not on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.

7. Receive and place on file the financial report: Finance Director Linn presented the report.

Motion by Corcoran to receive and place on file the financial report, second by Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Comprehensive Plan Update: Erickson presented the Comprehensive Plan Workshop flyer and discussed the next steps in the update process. HKGI will be on location starting on October 1st.

- B. Wreath Quote: Erickson presented the quotes.

Motion by Corcoran to purchase wreaths for the City Square and Depot Park from Yooper Wreaths, to purchase wreaths to place on the light poles along the streets wreaths from Santa's Wreaths, and to ask Yooper Wreaths to provide a large wreath not to exceed \$100, second by Greenhill. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- C. Snow Shoveling Contract: Erickson presented the snow shoveling contracts.

Motion by Corcoran to proceed with the contract that includes salting, second by Moran. Motion carried 5 to 0.

- D. First Friday Update: Erickson discussed October, November, and December First Friday planning.

- E. Ironwood Chamber of Commerce Update: Director Meyer talked about the December First Friday event planning and details so far. The Northern Elves Festival will be moving to the following week after Frost Friday. The Chamber Fall Social will be held tonight. The Norrie Club Tree Burning will be moved into February. Snowmobile Olympus will be at the Fairgrounds and the Fire on the Hill snowmobile event will be at Mt. Zion. He gave additional updates on the Jack Frost Festival. The destination guide is being worked on. Michael will be working on Saturday's.

- F. Social District Update: All available businesses have been contacted to participate in the program. Director Bergman has talked with The White Rabbit and Golden Dragon. Erickson delivered the application to the Old Suffolk Ale House.

- G. Update on downtown vacant buildings: The City has applied for State Land Bank Funding through the Gogebic County Land Bank Authority to demolish the Wells Fargo property and to stabilize the property on the corner of Suffolk St. and Ayer St. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation RAP grant is coming up and can be used for multiple properties.

- H. Bike Racks: 6 bike racks have been installed.

9. Other Business: No update.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment. 9:01 a.m.

Motion by Sardinha to adjourn the meeting, second by Moran. All in favor.



Cathy Flory, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant