

December 20, 1994

DOWNTOWN IRONWOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority was held on the above date, 12:00 Noon, Towne House Motor Inn, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Lamberg, Newman, Bergquist, Lorenson and Chairman Johnson.

EXCUSED: Forslund and Powell.

ABSENT: Isakson and Murphy.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Community Development Director William Andresen.

3. Consider approval of the November 22, 1994, minutes.

Motion by Bergquist, supported by Lamberg. CARRIED. To approve the November 22, 1994, minutes as presented.

4. Update on the following:

a. CIP - Project Brainstorming

Mr. Andresen explained that for both the Capital Improvement Program and Tax Increment Finance Plan, the DIDA must develop a "wish list" of projects. Presently, the City departments have submitted 60-70 different projects to be considered for the Capital Improvement Program.

Members Lamberg, Newman, & Bergquist, along with Mr. Andresen, submitted a list of their suggested projects. These will be combined into one list and submitted to all DIDA members for review and prioritization of their top ten projects. They will be requested to return the list to Mr. Andresen for final synopsis of the top ten projects to be placed on January's agenda for approval.

b. Snow removal in Public Parking Lots

The parking lot by Ironwood Motors has been designated as the sample lot implementing alternate (odd/even day) for overnight parking. The proper signs have been installed and will be monitored by City Staff to see the effect of the new system.

c. Graffiti Cleaning Product

The product that was authorized at last month's meeting for Graffiti removal has been received. As soon as feasibly possible, it will be tested and then made available (Ironwood Chamber of Commerce) to businesses in need of it.

d. Newsletter

Mr. Andresen submitted a copy of the new design for the DIDA Newsletter. All agreed it was done very professionally. It was suggested by member Lamberg that a notice be written explaining to the public who to contact should they have any news for the "Newsletter".

e. TIF

Mr. Andresen still recommended that the TIF District be expanded as noted at last month's meeting. Because 350 residents are in the recommended District (only 100 is allowable), an Advisory Committee of nine (from the District) will have to be formed. However, he noted that this Committee doesn't even have to meet, only that it exist.

He informed the Authority that Northern States Power Company completed a map of the entire City of Ironwood. They are willing to give a copy of this map to the City free of charge. Cost estimate for reformatting the map to only the DIDA District, would be \$350-550. Member Lamberg indicated that the Ironwood Daily Globe could assist in making copies of the map.

Motion by Bergquist, supported by Newman. CARRIED. To authorize up to \$550 for preparation of the DIDA District Map.

Mr. Andresen suggested that the topic of the TIF District be brought to the City Commission to begin preparing them for what is needed. Mayor Lorensen suggested that a letter be written first explaining what the new District will entail followed by an appearance at the City Commission regular meeting in January.

5. Other Business.


Mr. Andresen submitted Summary #2 ("Winning Ways") regarding successful downtown development.

Member Lamberg suggested that a monthly Item be added to the Agenda - Planning Commission Update.

Secretary Ziemann reminded the Authority of election of officers for the first meeting in January.

6. Adjournment.

Motion by Newman, supported by Bergquist. CARRIED. To adjourn this meeting at 12:50 P.M.



JANE ZIEMANN, SECRETARY