



**Proceedings of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority
Thursday, September 24, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority (DIDA) was held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. via Zoom video conferencing software.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Amy Nosal called the meeting to order at 8:13 A.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Cathy Flory	X			
Nancy Korpela, Vice	X			
Annette Burchell	X			
Jake Ring	X			
Amy Nosal	X			
Vacant				
Ivan Hellen	X			
Anna Lovelace	X			
Vacant				
	7	0	Quorum	

Also, present: Community Development Director, Tom Bergman, Community Development Specialist, Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the August 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes:
**Motion by Korpela to approval of the meeting minutes. Second by Hellen.
 Motion carried 7 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Lovelace to approve the agenda. Second by Flory. Motion carried 7 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):
 Director Meyer addressed the Authority with a Jack Frost Festival update and said that they are moving forward with some form of a festival and parade.

7. Financial Report:

Motion by Flory to accept the Financial Reports. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 to 0.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- A. Discuss and Consider contract for Pocket Park: Director Bergman said that he is waiting for a quote for the snow shoveling contract.

Motion by Flory to approve the Authority to pay up to \$750 for snow shoveling the Pocket Park and Art Park for the Winter of 2020/2021. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 to 0.

- B. Discuss and Consider increasing wreaths from 49 to 67: Director Bergman talked about the new lights that have been installed in the downtown and asked if the DIDA would like to install new wreaths on the new poles. He also talked about having the white lights on the wreaths. Burchell stressed the need for bright lights on the wreaths.

Motion by Flory to approve the purchase of 67 wreaths. Second by Korpela. Motion carried 7 to 0.

- C. Marijuana Establishments Ordinance: Director Bergman gave an update on the ordinance and said that the City Commission approved it at the last meeting. He will be working on the application and then moving forward with opening it up for applications.
- D. MEDC Restart Grant Program: The MEDC will be doing a press release about the program.
- E. Update on TIF District Downtown Development Plan: Director Bergman is working on the zoning ordinance update first, and will be going over a that with the Planning Commission.
- F. Update on Water Trail Project: Director Bergman said that the application didn't receive as many points as he thought. He would like to work with Gogebic and Iron County to get the Montreal River designated as a water trail to help with future DNR applications.
- G. Discussion on City Square: The square is coming together with most things being completed. Sod will be laid next week, and few items will still need to be installed. He talked about getting volunteers for the ice oval and that it is unlikely that the ice

oval will be installed this year. Flory discussed the need to care for people's mental health and have outdoor activities for this winter.

H. First Friday: Nosal discussed the November First Friday and some of the potential activities for that event.

9. Other Business: Nosal mentioned the need for Plumb and Honey to get a trash can. Hellen talked about appreciating healthcare workers and law enforcement during a future First Friday event.

10. Next Meeting: October 22, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Lovelace to adjourn, second by Flory, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7 to 0.



Amy Nosal, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist