

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
9 a.m.
Minutes**

Call to Order – Mayor Dennis Powell called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Rodney Dood, Anthony Clements, Ronjo Leonoff and Powell.

Absent – Benjamin Garcia.

Also Present – City Manager Rachel Andreski, Craig Richardson (GEI) and Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Dood moved, with support from Clements, to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor; Absent: Garcia. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EGLE Affordability and Planning Grant:

Richardson explained EGLE created an Affordability and Planning Grant. The purpose of the grant is for communities to share water system responsibilities. He said the west side of Iron County communities each contributed the match funding to apply. The only community that did not provide a match was Iron River Township however, they still committed to taking part. Based off the vast number of applications received, EGLE scaled back on the scope of work required and only based their award for the planning portion. The original grant was written for \$382,000 and the City could receive \$101,300. Richardson said the positive information is the grant match requirement has been waived and he recommends the City moves forward and accepts the funds.

Dood moved with support from Leonoff to accept the EGLE Affordability and Planning Grant Funds. Roll call: Ayes – 4: Clements, Leonoff, Dood and Powell. Nays – 0: Absent – 1: Garcia. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Justification/Rejection for Homer Road Bid:

Andreski said the City received two bids for Homer Road. The bidders were Payne & Dolan, Inc. and Hebert Construction Co. She said the bids were \$70,000 over the projected costs and the City could reject the bids if they wanted. Even though the City match increased approximately \$30,000, she recommended moving forward to eliminate any more delays and cost increases. Richardson added he did not think rebidding would make the bids any cheaper. He added the materials cost were what drove the bid prices up.

Dood moved with support from Leonoff to accept Payne & Dolan, Inc. bid for the Homer Road Project in the amount of \$424,043.75.

Roll call: Ayes – 4: Clements, Leonoff, Dood and Powell. Nays – 0: Absent – 1: Garcia. Motion carried.

GEI Proposal for Construction Staking for Homer Road Resurfacing:

Andreski explained this is required by the MDOT Rural Task Force for the Contractor to complete the work as it is not included in their contract.

Dood moved with support from Leonoff to accept GEI’s proposal for Construction Staking for Homer Road Project in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.

Roll call: Ayes – 4: Clements, Leonoff, Dood and Powell. Nays – 0: Absent – 1: Garcia. Motion carried.

GEI Proposal Amendment for Construction Observation for Homer Road Task Force Project:

Andreski explained there was no previous approval for the additional engineering and construction fee increase of \$44,800 for the Homer Road Project.

Dood moved with support from Clements to accept GEI’s Amended Proposal for Construction Observation for the Homer Road Project in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,500.

Roll call: Ayes – 4: Leonoff, Clements, Dood and Powell. Nays – 0: Absent – 1: Garcia. Motion carried.

Energenecs SCADA System Computer Upgrade:

Andreski explained the SCADA computer is a designated computer just for monitoring our water and sewer systems. She said it is old and still running Windows 7 and had recently been hacked. Energenecs was able to temporarily fix the issues however the hardware and software need to be upgraded.

Clements moved with support from Leonoff to accept the Energenecs Proposal for the SCADA computer upgrade in the amount not to exceed \$8,850.

Roll call: Ayes – 4: Dood, Leonoff, Clements and Powell. Nays – 0: Absent – 1: Garcia. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURN

Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m. All were in favor; Absent – Garcia. Motion carried.



Bernadette Coates, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer