

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 11, 2021
9 AM
Minutes**

Chairman Jere Fritsche called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Dennis Powell, Michael Hoinowski, Bob Byczek, Jr. and Fritsche.

Absent: Jim Wester and Pete Djupe.

Also present: City Manager Rachel Andreski, Attorney Mark Tousignant and Clerk Bernadette Coates.

Public in attendance – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Byczek moved, with support from Powell, to approve the Agenda as presented. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Djupe.

APPROVE MINUTES

Powell moved, with support from Hoinowski, to approve the October 14, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Djupe.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Andreski explained the DPW had been looking for a water leak near Cedar Avenue and East Genesee Street. Michigan Rural Water had tried to locate the leak with their correlator but found there were multiples, and they could not pinpoint exactly where they were. Andreski said there had been speculation for many years as to why there was so much water in the area. As the DPW was digging towards the main, there was leaking water. They shut the main off and the water stopped. Due to the DPW having an already scheduled water tap for a new resident, and F.A. Industrial being unavailable, Hebert Construction is doing the repairs.

Andreski said Council would be holding a public hearing on November 22nd which is part of the process to receive the USDA-Rural Development grant for the snowplow truck.

Andreski said she is still speaking with Jen Tucker, MEDC for the pocket park grant to see if funds will be available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Master Plan – Draft Plan Discussion:

Byczek motioned with support from Hoinowski to request Council to approve for distribution and review the draft of the City of Iron River Community Master Plan pursuant to Section 41 (MCL 125.3841 of Public Act 33 of 2008; known as the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

Roll call: Ayes – 4: Powell, Hoinowski, Byczek and Fritsche. Nays – 0: All in favor. Motion carried. Absent – 2: Wester and Djupe.

Zoning Ordinance Changes – Marihuana:

Tousignant recommended proceeding with the public hearing in early January to amend current zoning ordinances to comply with recent ordinance amendments made by Council.

Byczek moved with support from Powell to proceed as recommended by Tousignant. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Djupe.

NEW BUSINESS

Application for Amendment to Zoning Map (Rezoning) – Patrick & Janet Hebert:

Because Patrick and Janet Hebert were not in attendance, Fritsche moved with support from Byczek to hold a special meeting to discuss their intentions for use of the former Armory building. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Djupe.

PUBLIC COMMENT


None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Fritsche adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Djupe.



Bernadette Coates, Clerk