

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**April 17, 2023**

**12:15 P.M.**

Chairperson Kelly Dvorak called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Patricia Buck, Rick Kinsey, Ed Lindwall, Dennis Powell, Mark Saigh, Terry Tarsi, and Dvorak.

Absent: Jeanine Garcia.

Also Present: City Manager Rachel Andreski and City Clerk Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance – Dennis Powell Jr. and Zach Hautala (ICECA).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Kinsey moved with support from Powell to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor.

Motion carried. Absent – Garcia.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Buck moved with support from Kinsey to approve the March 20, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried. Absent – Garcia.

**REPORTS**

**City Manager**

Andreski said the City is experiencing flooding issues along with other Upper Peninsula municipalities. The City was notified that the County may be issuing a State of Emergency soon.

The street sweeper has been in the shop getting ready for spring and when the snow is gone, it will be sweeping City streets and parking lots.

Spring clean-up days are being discussed along with the starting day for the seasonal Blight Officer. The City is working with Efficiency United and UPPCO for the recycling of old appliances.

**Façade Committee**

None.

**Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance (ICECA)**

Hautala reported that the Live Work Play Show that was held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Youngs Recreational Complex had a marginal turnout. He said due to the nice weather and other events being held on the same weekend there was a lot less community participation. Discussions will

be had with the Windsor Center and Youngs to see what options there are to allow for better attendance for all. Hautala said although they didn't get the turnout they anticipated, they have committed to holding the event again next year. The Chamber is ready for summer and expecting their first campers at the beginning of May.

### **Beautification Committee**

Kinsey said the Community Wide Clean-up will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>. He is speaking with West Iron County School officials about student involvement this year. He said forms have been created for the "Adopt a Berm" program. He said areas have been broken down into smaller portions and plaques will be provided for the adopted areas. Days have also been scheduled for equipment to be delivered to help with the berm areas.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Tarsi requested the Budget committee meet to discuss the budget. Andreski will set a meeting date.

Kinsey moved with support from Lindwall to approve the March 2023 DDA Financial Reports and the March 2023 Accounts Payable Reports.

Roll Call: Ayes-7: Buck, Kinsey, Lindwall, Powell, Saigh, Tarsi, and Dvorak. Nays: 0. Absent-1: Garcia. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Beck's Ornamental Proposal**

This item was tabled to the next meeting so that the Beautification Committee could research other options for weed control in the berms instead of the rock garden beds on Genesee Street.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hautala reminded everyone of the Business After Hours that is being held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Alpha Brewing. Stateline Chevrolet Corvette GMC will be co-sponsoring with the Lud Stoor Agency and Curious Pig will be catering.

### **DDA MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Tarsi moved with support from Kinsey to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried. Absent – Garcia.



Bernadette Coates, City Clerk