

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 2016  
12:15 P.M.**

Chairman Tarsi called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

Roll Call: Jim Duda, Mark Saigh, Jim Quayle, Ryan Meske, Ed Lindwall and Tarsi.  
Absent: Nora Petrucelli and Roger Zanon.

Also Present: Attorney Ron Basso, City Manager David Thayer and City Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in Attendance: Josh Brindle and Adam Kicker.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- (a) The IronLine: Josh Brindle gave an update of last year's events, a profit and loss statement, the sustainability of the upcoming races. Brindle informed the Board that he and his family will be re-locating within the next 6-12 months and is passing the baton to Adam and Amanda Kicker. The Brindle's have been meeting with the Kicker's for a few weeks and will continue to do so while they are still here as mentors. Thayer would like to see the start of the race take place on Genesee Street, similar to how Marquette runs their UP 200. Kicker will contact Thayer for a meeting in the near future. Saigh and Tarsi thanked Brindle for his years of service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Quayle moved, with support from Lindwall to approve the agenda as written. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Petrucelli and Zanon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Saigh moved, Meske seconded, to approve the following minutes as written:

- (a) June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Petrucelli and Zanon.

**REPORTS:**

- (a) DDA Attorney: Basso reported that the Rodeo happened over the weekend and that it was the most successful one yet. The grandstands were packed, performances fantastic and the volunteers incredible. Having the Budweiser Clydesdales brought people in from near and far. On behalf of Jeff Dohl and the Board, Basso thanked the DDA for their support. Tarsi recalled in his 75 years of being in Iron River, he has never remembered seeing a crowd like the one that was here for the parade. The Rodeo Board is striving to book the Clydesdales for next year's rodeo as it will

be their 50<sup>th</sup> annual event. Quayle suggested for the parade, he would like to see drum and bugle corps or bands. Basso agreed and stated next year there should be some.

- (b) City Manager: Thayer included in the packet Senate Bill 1026 which members of the legislature are demanding from the department a report from DDA's and TIF's. At this time, it does not appear that anything will be required for this year, however, it is going to go through and he will continue to monitor the progression. GEI should have completed the structural analysis of the former Wardo's building by the end of the week and paving should start on Stambaugh Avenue on Wednesday or Thursday. There is a possibility of doing something yet this year on Amber Street. There is sanitary sewer work that needs to be completed so paving could be accomplished at the same time. FA Industrial, Inc. started today at the library with their outdoor courtyard project.
- (c) Façade Committee – Tousignant Project: Thayer performed a site visit of Dennis Tousignant's building on Maple Street as the project has been finished. He recommended payment as it is completed within the guidelines. Saigh moved to reimburse Dennis Tousignant for his façade grant application in the amount of \$2,441.51 for tuck-pointing and brick work. Quayle seconded.  
Roll Call: Ayes-6: Duda, Meske, Lindwall, Quayle, Saigh and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Absent-2: Petrucelli and Zanon.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- (a) DDA Financial Report –June, 2016: At the start of the new fiscal year, Thayer estimates there is approximately \$180,000 maximum to use, however, \$60,000 should be saved for reserves in something like a CD. Duda moved, with support from Saigh to approve the June, 2016 Financial Report.  
Roll Call: Ayes-6: Quayle, Meske, Lindwall, Saigh, Duda and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Absent: Petrucelli and Zanon.
- (b) DDA Attorney Invoice – June, 2016: Duda moved, with support from Saigh to approve the June, 2016 invoice in the amount of \$500 from Basso & Basso.  
Roll Call: Ayes-6: Quayle, Meske, Lindwall, Saigh, Duda and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Absent-2: Petrucelli and Zanon.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- (a) Digital Sign – Tarsi expressed his frustration with the lack of progress. Thayer reported he had recently had a conversation with a representative of Nicolet Sign and had hoped he would be present at the meeting. Thayer suggested having a conversation with Nicolet suggesting the DDA is ready to move forward and is Nicolet ready to move along with us.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**DDA Member Comments:**

None.

**Adjournment:** Saigh moved, with support from Duda, to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Petrucelli and Zanon.

  
Rachel Andreski, City Clerk