

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 19, 2017  
12:15 P.M.**

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

Roll Call: Jim Duda, Adam Holroyd, Mark Saigh, Ed Lindwall, Roger Zanon and Tarsi.  
Absent: Jim Quayle.

Also Present: City Manager David Thayer and City Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in Attendance: David Frailing, Chris Broslavick, Al and Emma St. Peter, Robert Byczek, Jr., and Connie Koutouzos (Aspirus).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Frailing asked if he missed the column in the Iron County Reporter that Basso had previously completed informing readers of the DDA meeting. Thayer responded that Frailing didn't miss it, he just hasn't had the time to perform the task.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Zanon moved, with support from Duda, to approve the agenda as written. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Quayle.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Saigh moved, Zanon seconded, to approve the following minutes as written:

- (a) May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Quayle.

**REPORTS:**

- (a) City Manager: Thayer reported the former Wardo's Building demolition project is moving towards closure. Thayer feels a problem has arisen that 3" of topsoil will not grow grass without an irrigation system. Thayer has proposed putting in decorative stone, such as limestone, approximately 1" in diameter. The substitution will be at or less than the \$107,000 contract. Saigh asked how much the stone will cost and Thayer didn't have the trucking cost so he doesn't have a definitive answer. Thayer explained there are other change order items such as the insulation was not placed as called for in the plans. Frailing questioned if more than 3" of topsoil was placed would that be better for growing grass. Thayer feels that the amount of topsoil doesn't matter, that irrigation for a minimum of three years is the key to have the grass grow. Holroyd questioned the likelihood of a business coming into town and building there. Thayer feels it is very likely. Zanon questioned if shavings could be placed and rolled to make a hard surface like on a driveway. Frailing stated that the fair board just had a project from FA Industrial done and that's what they did. Thayer doesn't want the appearance of a parking lot.

Thayer was approached by an individual who may want to purchase the current Anderson building on Genesee Street who is also interested in the former Coast to Coast lot. An individual would like to possibly purchase the lot for a parking. Saigh wanted to see a business build there, not another parking lot. Tarsi feels the lot is small for parking and isn't in favor of the sale to be turned into a parking lot.

- (b) Façade Committee: Thayer stated since the last meeting, Nichol's flooring has not re-submitted their application, although, one was received today from the Windsor Center for the replacement of doors. Thayer will work on scheduling a meeting with the committee.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

DDA Financial Report – May 2017: Zanon moved to approve the May 2017 Financial Report. Lindwall seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes-6: Duda, Holroyd, Saigh, Lindwall, Zanon and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Motion carried.  
Absent: Quayle.

DDA Attorney Invoice – May 2017: Zanon moved to approve Basso & Basso's May Invoice in the amount of \$200. Duda seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes-6: Holroyd, Saigh, Lindwall, Duda, Zanon and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Motion carried.  
Absent: Quayle.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

West Side Veteran's Council Request: Thayer received a request from the West Side Veteran's Council as they are holding their annual fundraiser to support activities that honor Veteran's throughout the year such as purchasing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, furnishing flags for the headstones of all Veterans, purchasing and presenting a flag to a deceased veteran's family and more. Saigh moved to support the West Side Veteran's Council in the amount of \$1,000, which was the same as last year's contribution. Lindwall seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes-6: Duda, Holroyd, Zanon, Lindwall, Saigh and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Motion carried.  
Absent: Quayle.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **DDA Member Comments:**

Tarsi stated that he has heard that the ownership of some of the buildings on the Genesee Street are changing. Thayer noted that the former Open Door was sold, and the new owner's potential tenant wants to open a Mexican restaurant. Thayer was recently told another building was purchased on the main street, in which Holroyd confirmed it is the building next to Contrast Coffee.

### **Adjournment:**

Zanon moved, with support from Duda, to adjourn at 12:37 p.m. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Quayle.

  
Rachel Andreski, City Clerk