

MINUTES  
CITY OF IRON RIVER  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2016  
9:00AM

The meeting was called to order at by Chair Commenator at 9:05a.m. in the Commissioners Room at City Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

Present: Ben Smith, Darren Mercier, Pete Djupe, Jere Fritsche and Bob Byczek Jr., Charlotte Soderbloom and Chair Rick Commenator.

Also Present: City Manager /Zoning Administrator David Thayer and City Attorney Mark Tousignant.

Public Present: Tori Konchel

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Djupe, seconded by Byczek Jr. that the Agenda ne approved as distributed. Motion Carried

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Djupe, seconded by Mercier that the minutes of June 2, 2016 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED

**Manager's Report**

a. Professional Services:

Thayer is looking to acquire professional services to do mapping for the new zoning. U. P. Engineers from Iron Mountain has this expertise and is on the short list for these services.

b. Temporary Hire.

A temp would be hired to compile and type the new ordinance.

c. Jackson Street (between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue 1 block south of Franklin Street).

To rectify the water problems on Jackson Street a 8" header with lateral(s) to the river with the

raising and re-grading and re-surfacing of Jackson and the removal of the burm between the street and river to alleviate the ground water and run off from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

d. Wild Rivers Reality;

Wild Rivers Reality is looking to expand at it's present location.

e. Truck Route

City Council has designated truck routes within the city limits. The truck routes being all of US-2 within the city and 4<sup>th</sup> avenue and Seldon Road within the city. All other streets are restricted to vehicles of 30,000 lbs GVW or less except for emergency and city vehicles.

f. Stambaugh Avenue, Amber Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:

Stambaugh Avenue has been Re-surfaced and stripping will be done to indicate 2 12' lanes.

Amber Street will have some sewer re-construction and be re-surfaced from Washington Avenue to Stambaugh Avenue.

3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Madison to Monroe (Burns Addition):

Water line on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue needs to be lowered to eliminate a freezing problem.

### **Old Business**

Parts 1, 2, and 3 have been reviewed by the PC with no changes other than names and ordinance numbers etc. to make it applicable to the new ordinance.

Part 4 will have no applicable districts removed and the possible addition of a mining/mined district.

### **New Business**

a. Domestic Animals in R-2:

At present only cats and dogs are allowed in R-2 and also R-1. There are some large properties that would qualify for animals as in R-3. Restrictions could be incorporated into R-1 and R-2 to allow these animals.

b. Zoning Change R-1 to R-3:

A request for the re-zoning of a R-1 District to R-3 to allow farm animals (2 goats).

This action would be spot zoning and the PC took no action. Changes as discussed in New Business: a, would be a possible solution.

c. Part 5: General and Specific Provisions:

Review and bring changes to next meeting.

### **Public Comment:**

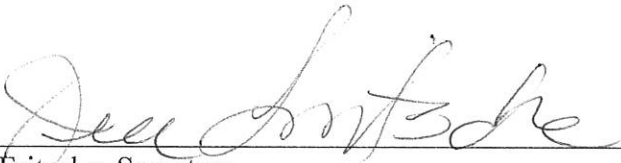
There was no Public Comment.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Fritsche commented that the new 7 member Commission was at it's required number and all provided comment and feedback to the process.

**Adjournment:**

Being no further business, Djupe moved, seconded by Smith that we adjourn. MOTION CARRIED The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

  
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Jere Fritsche, Secretary

NOTE: Next meeting scheduled for September 1, 2016 @ 9:00AM