

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, June 11, 2020  
9 AM  
Minutes**

Chairman Rick Commenator 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: Jim Wester, Pete Djupe, Jere Fritsche, Dennis Powell, Robert Byczek, Jr. and Commenator.

Absent: None.

Also present: Interim City Manager/Clerk Rachel Andreski, Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates

Public in attendance: Dr. Cheryl Matuszewski DVM, Kelly Dvorak and Dr. Ray Atanasoff.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Added letter from Jon Weirda to New Business, b. Moved New Business a. up on Agenda due to those involved being in attendance.

Djupe moved, Fritsche seconded, to approve the Agenda with addition. All in favor; Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Djupe moved to approve the February 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Powell seconded. All were in favor; Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Land Use Permit – Small Animal Veterinary Hospital:** Dr. Atanasoff stated he is trying to sell his office building located at 131 W Genesee Street to Dr. Cheryl Matuszewski. He stated Aspirus owns the practice so once the building is sold they would move to the Aspirus Iron River Clinic located at Ice Lake. Byczek stated that a veterinary clinic did not conform to the surrounding businesses. Commenator stated that everything in the C1 district are also allowed in the CBD district. Djupe agreed with Commenator. Djupe made a motion to accept the Land Use Permit – Small Animal Veterinary Hospital as presented along with the conditions of having a garbage dumpster located on property and no animals kenneled outside of building at any time. Powell seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes – 6: Wester, Djupe, Fritche, Powell, Byczek and Commenator. Motion carried.

**WEIRDA LETTER:** Djupe provided a letter to Cindy Conrad, Meijer Real Estate, asking for her team to visit Iron River as a possible location for their store. Letter was sent two weeks prior to meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Master Plan:** Andreski stated she spoke with Michelle Bennett with Becket & Raeder. She received 14 of the approximate 36 surveys that were sent out to each board/committee member. They were hoping for more participation, but thanked those that did participate. With the Covid pandemic, everyone is behind and Bennett is still hoping on visiting in August. She requested that each member go through the Master Plan and look for items that are out of date, what would the Committee like to see moving forward and think back five years looking for major trends or events to be included in the history portion of the plan. The Community Profile portion will be updated but most of the brainstorming will be done in August when she is present.

**CIP CY21:** Djupe asked what the status was of the projects for 2020. Commenator wanted to know if bids had been sent out before Thayer left. Andreski stated that road projects were approved and that Payne & Dolan would be arriving in mid-July. She added there was a request to add McKinley Street. GEI will be providing design documents to Payne and Dolan. If prices are fair, a change order will be provided to add on to the existing contract. Byczek suggested that police vehicles be bought to hand down to DPW when retired. Commenator noted as such and said it would be taken to City Council for their input and approval/denial. Andreski stated that Thayer was hoping to have the water main replaced on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and loop 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Sturgeon Street so that there are no dead-end lines. The project was put on hold because grant money is available. With GEI's help, grant application has been submitted and approved. No money has been received as of yet. Byczek made a motion to ask City Council to proceed with the Chip Seal #3 on CIP CY2020 if funding is available now. Djupe seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.

**WUPPDR PASER Study:** Andreski asked the Commission if they would be interested in having WUPPDR perform a PASER Study to use as a guide in working on the CIP. Byczek moved to obtain a quote from WUPPDR to proceed with the PASER Study. Djupe seconded. All were in favor; Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Byczek moved, Wester seconded, to adjourn at 10:21 a.m. All were in favor; Motion carried.

  
Bernadette Coates, Deputy Treasurer