

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2020
12:15 P.M.**

Chairman Terry Tarsi called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

Roll Call: Rick Kinsey, Dennis Powell, Adam Holroyd and Tarsi.

Absent: Mark Saigh and Ed Lindwall.

Also Present: Interim City Manager Rachel Andreski and Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance: Bruce Benkley.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bruce Benkley stated he was at the last meeting and there wasn't a quorum to discuss the disc golf course. A bid was submitted for the long tee pads. His concerns are big problems with the parking lot and the washout on the trail that comes down the hill on the back side of Kermit's (Riverton Dr.) They held a tournament the week before and about 50 people attended. Benkley stated people should have come down to see but the advertising was not out there for people to see. Holroyd asked about the bid for the long tee pads but Andreski stated that the DDA will see that bid under 10) New Business c) Disc Golf Course. Tarsi stated that the previous City Manager said he was working on getting the driveway done with the owners but Andreski said nothing could be found in the files.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

Andreski stated to be compliant for DDA regulations and as part of the PA57 of 2018 there is to be an open dialog two times per year for taxing entities to have the opportunity to question how we are spending those funds. Andreski had extended an invitation to Iron County Treasurer Melanie Camps to attend.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Kinsey moved, with support from Holroyd, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Saigh and Lindwall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kinsey moved, with support from Holroyd to approve the following minutes as written:

- a) March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Saigh and Lindwall.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- 1) **G3 Pocket Park Update:** Andreski stated that although everything is at a standstill due to Covid-19, she spoke with Jen Tucker with MEDC and the City is on the last leg of the approval level. Andreski hopes that once the State reopens, we can move forward.
- 2) **Master Plan Update:** Andreski said she spoke with Michelle Bennet of Beckett & Raeder and that Bennett still wants to come sometime in August to meet with DDA, City Council, Parks and Recreation Committee and the Planning Commission. Bennet would like all to make a list of major events current or previous, that they would like to see happen.

Façade Committee:

- 1) **Membership:** Andreski stated that one person is needed to sit on the committee. Currently sitting on the committee is Ed Lindwall and Mark Saigh. Kinsey asked what is needed and agreed to sit as long as there was no one else that would. Tarsi made a motion with support from Powell to add Rick Kinsey to the Façade Committee. All in Favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Saigh and Lindwall.
- 2) **Main Street Café (Brenda Davis):** With the absence of Saigh, Tarsi stated that he sat in as an alternate at the committee meeting. Tarsi stated that he thinks Brenda wants the grant but is not able to come through with information needed on the application. Saigh was supposed to make contact with her but with his absence, it is not known if that was done.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

DDA Financial Report – Through June 2020: Tarsi moved to approve the Through June 2020 Financial Report. Holroyd seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes-4: Kinsey, Powell, Holroyd and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Absent-2: Saigh and Lindwall. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Report – March Through June 2020: Holroyd moved to approve the March, Through June 2020 Accounts Payable Report. Kinsey seconded.

Roll Call: Ayes-4: Kinsey, Powell, Holroyd and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Absent-2: Saigh and Lindwall. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

LEAP, Incubator, Shark Tank Composite: Andreski stated that with the exit of the Iron County Economic Developer, Paul Schuytema, the City cannot move forward. Andreski said that until someone is seated in that position, it will need to be put on hold.

Building Acquisition: Andreski stated it is her understanding that the Newby building, which was being considered for the LEAP project, is in dire need of structural work but since the above is on hold, this item will also need to be placed on hold.

NEW BUSINESS

DDA Budget: Kinsey moved with support from Powell to accept the 2020-2021 Budget as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes-4: Kinsey, Powell, Holroyd and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Absent-2: Saigh and Lindwall.
Motion carried.

Disc Golf Course T-Pad Proposal: Kinsey made a motion with support from Powell to accept the estimate provided by Senter Builds LLC in the amount of \$6,949.85 to build the Long Tee Pads.

Roll Call: Ayes-4: Kinsey, Powell, Holroyd and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Absent-2: Saigh and Lindwall.
Motion carried.

West Side Veterans Council Request: Kinsey made a motion with support from Powell to pay the West Side Veterans Council \$1,500 for their 2020 4th of July fireworks display.

Roll Call: Ayes-4: Kinsey, Powell, Holroyd and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Absent-2: Saigh and Lindwall.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DDA MEMBER COMMENTS

Kinsey asked for support of the bike trail in Caspian. Powell asked where that trail goes and Kinsey stated it starts at the gravel part of the Caspian City Hall parking lot, goes into the woods and loops around a bit and then goes up the hill. Their goal is to get 5 miles built by the end of the year. Kinsey stated it is flagged if people wanted to go walk it.

Adjournment:

Tarsi adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.



Bernadette Coates, Deputy Treasurer