

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 8, 2021
9 AM
Minutes**

Chairman Jere Fritsche called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Jim Wester, Pete Djupe, Dennis Powell, Robert Byczek, Jr. and Fritsche.
Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager/Clerk Rachel Andreski, Attorney Mark Tousignant and Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in attendance:
None

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Byczek moved with support from Powell to approve the Agenda as presented. All in favor; Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Djupe moved with support from Byczek to approve the March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Andreski said she met with Jen Tucker (MEDC) and Christopher Germain (RRC) via Zoom. She said the City has been placed under the Essential Plan for the RRC Program. She said she will need to become a Certified User as City Manager to navigate the information provided. She said the task will be a large undertaking on her part. She explained there is an infrastructure grant that will be available to help fund a water project in Mineral Hills. She said because Iron River is at or below the poverty level, so the City would score higher.

Andreski said there is an issue that has arose as to the procedure to have land re-zoned. This is due to the marihuana ordinance. Tousignant added that the Committee gave great thought to the sections of the City that would allow any marihuana facility. He warned Commission members not to speak to any individual wanting to change the zoning due to any violations of due process. He said it would be best for any Commission member to refer them to the City's ordinances, or their attorney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

Master Plan:

Action Plan – Corner Posts – Andreski stated the next step is to take the Corner Posts list and submit to Beckett and Raeder if the Commission chooses.

Djupe moved with support from Powell to submit the Corner Posts list to Beckett and Raeder. All in favor; Motion carried.

CIP CY21 – Andreski said she has updated the vehicle list with the change of a Chevy Tahoe in place of a Ford. The reason being maintenance on the Tahoe could be done locally. Another addition was an International plow truck and funding would go through Rural Development to purchase. The previous truck under the Rural Development loan has only six payments remaining, and she will present a proposal to Council for their approval.

CIP CY22: - Andreski said she moved the 2021 road projects to 2022 because of the overage of City funds being put towards the Homer Road project. She said the City will become eligible for grants in 2022 and 2023 and those funds could cover the Mineral Hills area water and road projects. Andreski said she will keep the list updated as information comes in.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Djupe said he spoke with a friend who questioned Zoom meetings and stated the emergency has lifted and all meetings are to be held in person.

Byczek stated the islands along Washington Street could use another coat of yellow caution paint.

Djupe said he would also like to see the fire hydrants re-painted red.

ADJOURNMENT

Djupe moved with support from Powell to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.


Bernadette Coates, Deputy Treasurer