

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2023
12:15 P.M.**

Chairperson Terry Tarsi called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Kelly Dvorak, Dennis Powell, Jeanine Garcia, Ed Lindwall, Mark Saigh, Rick Kinsey, and Tarsi.

Absent: Patricia Buck.

Also Present: City Manager Rachel Andreski and City Clerk Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance – Zach Hautala (ICECA).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Kinsey moved with support from Saigh to approve the agenda with the addition to 6. Reports (b) 1. K&D Service. All in favor. Motion carried. Absent – Buck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kinsey moved with support from Powell to approve the December 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent – Buck.

REPORTS

City Manager

MEDC G3 Pocket Park

Andreski said there had been no release of grant information from the MEDC as of yet so no update could be given.

The Tailings – Disc Golf Course Update

No update.

Council approved the submittal of an Intent to Apply for grant funding for water and sewer upgrades. A wellhead protection plan will need to be updated with cooperation from WICKWIRE and a wellhead protection team will also be meeting from January through May to update the plan.

Andreski said the City was successful in obtaining the scrap tire grant in the amount of \$6,000. She is hoping to increase the 10 tires per household minimum during the spring cleanup.

Andreski said the City received the Safe Community First Responder Grant through Enbridge also in the amount of \$6,000. She said the Police Department received a new computer and two AEDs for their vehicles. She said Council purchased a third AED to have at City Hall.

Andreski said the County Treasurer had declined to apply for the Blight Elimination Grant and that the City would apply on their own. If successful, the City could receive up to \$200,000 to help with the elimination of blighted properties.

Façade Committee

Because the information from K&D Service was received so late, the Committee felt it would be best to table the request until the next meeting, allowing time for them to properly review all the information.

Saigh moved with support from Lindwall to table the request until the next regular meeting in February.

Roll Call: Ayes-7: Kinsey, Dvorak, Powell, Garcia, Lindwall, Saigh, and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Absent-1: Buck. Motion carried.

Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance (ICECA)

Hautala said he included December's activity in the yearly report submitted. He said goals had been met and they continue to work with board members on their ideas.

Beautification Committee

Kinsey said there is interest within the Committee to be divided into smaller groups with different areas of interest. His goal is to get the berms finished along with the grass pieces on certain intersections and entrances to parking lots. He said there is a group that would be interested in sprucing up the Pocket Park with picnic tables and planters. Their next meeting will be held on January 25th at 4 p.m. Kinsey said they are thinking of now doing a mobile art mural instead of placing murals in empty store fronts. Hanging baskets will also be purchased again. Hautala suggested the side of the Snyder's building for a welcome mural also. Garcia said there is a person who will be doing some sketches as to flower/plant beds for the Pocket Park.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Lindwall moved with support from Powell to approve the December 2022 DDA Financial Reports and the December 2022 Accounts Payable Report.

Roll Call: Ayes-6: Dvorak, Garcia, Saigh, Powell, Lindwall, and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Abstain – Kinsey. Absent-1: Buck. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Meeting Schedule

Garcia moved with support from Lindwall to accept the 2023 Meeting Schedule as presented. All in favor. Motion carried. Absent-1: Buck.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Tarsi said he would not accept a nomination for Chairperson this year. He said it was time to relinquish his duties, but he would help the person taking over. He said he hopes the next person is as dedicated as he was.

Garcia nominated Kinsey as Chairperson.

Tarsi said he meant no disrespect to Kinsey, but he felt Kinsey was too busy and he nominated Dvorak as Chairperson. Powell supported the nomination and Dvorak accepted.

Roll Call: Ayes-7: Kinsey, Dvorak, Garcia, Lindwall, Saigh, Powell, and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Absent-1: Buck. Motion carried.

Saigh nominated Kinsey as Vice Chairperson with support from Tarsi. Kinsey accepted the nomination.

Roll Call: Ayes-6: Dvorak, Powell, Garcia, Lindwall, Saigh, and Tarsi. Nays: 0. Abstain-1: Kinsey. Absent-1: Buck. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DDA MEMBER COMMENTS

Lindwall and Kinsey thanked Tarsi for his service.

ADJOURNMENT

Kinsey moved with support from Tarsi to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 p.m. All in favor. Absent Buck. Motion carried.



Bernadette Coates, City Clerk