

**STEERING COMMITTEE
PLANNING COMMISSION / CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
2 PM
Minutes**

Mayor Dennis Powell called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call: Robert Byczek, Jim Dellies, Rodney Dood, Michael Hoinowski, and Powell.

Absent: Benjamin Garcia.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hoinowski moved with support from Dellies to approve the March 15, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent – Garcia.

DISCUSSION

Andreski said all the previous information this group had gone over and added or deleted had been compiled and is in this final draft.

Tousignant said the City needs to be careful with zoning because it could be construed as government taking property and that is against the Constitution. He said the City doesn't want to make any property significantly less than what it is worth or rule out all uses for that property. The previous ordinance, he thought, was more complicated than what Iron River needed because it will never compare to other cities in the Upper Peninsula. Tousignant asked the group where they wanted to be in 20 years and said the zoning ordinance should promote those goals. He suggested working off the old ordinance and comparing it to the vision for the future.

Tousignant asked the Committee what they wanted to see done at this point, and after a long discussion, Byczek moved with support from Hoinowski to allow Andreski and Tousignant to go through the old ordinance and compare it to the proposed ordinance and compile a new draft including the vision for the future. All were in favor. Motion carried. Absent – Garcia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Byczek motioned with support from Dellies to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 p.m.



Bernadette Coates, City Clerk