

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 11, 2024
9 AM
Minutes**

Councilman Benjamin Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Pete Djupe, Michael Hoinowski, Jim Dellies and Garcia.

Absent: Jim Wester and Bob Byczek.

Also present: City Manager Rachel Andreski and City Attorney Mark Tousignant.

Public in attendance – Keith Hamel and Mike Berg.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keith Hamel stated why can't you just go buy eggs for \$4 dozen at the store.

Djupe asked if we must provide where the chicken ordinance came from.

APPROVE AGENDA

Dellies with support from Djupe moved to approve the agenda. All in favor; Motion carried.

Absent: Wester and Byczek.

APPROVE MINUTES

Djupe moved with support from Hoinowski to approve the February 8, 2024, and March 14, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes with correction of Kelly Stolberg as City Clerk present. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Byczek.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

Andreski stated that Article 6 is complete and next week will be working on Article 7. Tousignant added we will be working on Parking and Signage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Keeping Chickens and Ducks Ordinance

Garcia stated he wants to get this finalized, have a public hearing and then seek approval from the City Council. He questioned guinea hens being considered a chicken as they are noisy. Tousignant suggested excluding turkeys, geese, guinea hens and peacocks. Garcia also stated he would like to

increase the allowable amount to 10 chickens and/or ducks. It was decided that butchering of chickens will be allowed, but will need to be in a fully enclosed space. The coop would have to be a minimum of 25ft from a neighboring dwelling, have neighbors permission and yearly permit will be \$25. Dellies with support from Djupe moved to approve the draft language for the allowance of Chickens and Ducks ordinance. All were in favor. Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Byczek.

PUBLIC COMMENT

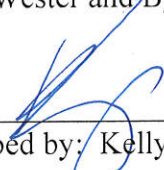
Mike Berg stated he recommends keeping the chicken ordinance simple and asking neighbors for approval to have chickens without creating a lawsuit.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Djupe asked Andreski for any city updates: She updated that KFC is going to be reopening, ACE is adding an addition to their storefront, adding a green house and upgrading their parking lot. New tobacco shop is coming to Genesee Street, Ice Lake Road was brushed per Djupe;s request, contracted approximately \$1M in street projects, the Boardwalk is on hold, the DPW were able to get 2 new mowers and a trailer, and Highline Fiber Optic will be installing throughout the County over the next few years.

ADJOURNMENT

Garcia moved with support from Djupe to adjourn at 11:09 a.m. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Byczek.



Transcribed by: Kelly Stolberg, City Clerk