

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2024
9 AM
Minutes**

Councilman Benjamin Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:03 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, City Clerk Kelly Stolberg, and Attorney Mark Tousignant.

Public attendance – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dellies moved with support from Hoinowski to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Byczek.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Djupe moved with support from Hoinowski to approve the April 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Byczek.

MANAGER'S REPORT

R. Andreski reported that it has been a busy few weeks. The permit has been submitted to EGLE for the Apple Blossom Trail Project. When Representatives performed a site visit, they noted we were in violation of a Conservation Easement from 1193. Signs were never placed along the border of the easement area. and we are awaiting signs as they have been ordered. We purchased 70 signs, for \$2,500. Signs need to be up by June 1, 2024.

R. Andreski and Craig Richardson from WICKWIRE met with the Alexa's regarding a 2.9-acre parcel off Homer Road that may satisfy the conversion issue for \$20,000. City Council will consider Parks and Recreations approved Phase I of the environmental assessment.

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

Tousignant commented we will need to use the map in the Council Chambers to decide on its location as M-189 is zoned commercial which is a major roadway. Tousignant also recommends we delete multi-family blocks for the ordinance.

KFC

KFC’s goal is to be open by August 1, 2024, and is building an addition in the back of their establishment which is also within the zoning requirements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Keeping Chickens and Ducks Ordinance

Garcia noted comments went well except for having to ask your neighbors for permission to get chickens and ducks. Djupe motioned with support from Dellies to keep the language the same and recommended it to Council. All were in favor. Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Byczek.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Djupe inquired if anyone has heard anything on Kwik Trip coming to Iron River. He also asked if the Medical Clinic next to the hospital was still going to be a clinic as he noticed it is being remodeled.

Garcia inquired about an interested party’s application for the Planning Commission. He would like to have a better attendance and be able to have enough for a quorum at the meetings. Tousignant recommends we send letters to the members who have not been attending meetings.

Hoinowski thought each member should know the attendance policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Hoinowksi moved with support from Dellies to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried. Absent: Wester and Byczek.

Tyana Elenbaas For _____
Kelly Stolberg, City Clerk