

Proceedings of the Planning Commission Meeting

A Meeting of the Ironwood Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Development Conference Room, Memorial Building (2nd Floor), 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI 49938.

1. Chairman Wyssling called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Bergman, Geib, Johnson, Commissioner Semo, and Chairman Wyssling

ABSENT: Lytywnuik and Burchell

3. Consider approval of the May 3, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Bergman, seconded by Geib and carried to approve the Planning Commission minutes of May 3, 2012 as presented.

4. Consider approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Bergman, seconded by Johnson and carried to amend the agenda removing item 6. AUDIENCE.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit).

There were none.

6. AUDIENCE: Pastor Rouse, Lighthouse Faith Center
(RE: Safe-House)

This item was removed from the agenda

OLD BUSINESS

7. Project Updates

Chairman Wyssling updated the Planning Commission verbally from a memo from Dennis Hewitt as follows:

*The Super One Store project is continuing.

*Phase I & II projects are preceding on schedule with most of the streets being paved with asphalt in the Jessieville area and the Norrie Location roads torn up.

*Sample Ordinance on Medical Marijuana was presented.

*Pastor Rouse from Light House Faith Center will bring back information from other communities on a safe houses for prisoners getting out of jail at a future meeting.

*The City Commission decided not to sell the property along South Davis Road.

*The City Commission agreed to declare the property along Granite Street as surplus. It was noted City Staff would be getting an appraisal of the property and working on wording for placing it on the surplus property list.

8. Discuss and consider Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

A brief discussion took place on developing a Medical Marijuana Ordinance. It was suggested by the Planning Commission to ask the attorney the following questions:

- 1) Is it appropriate for the Ordinance to be a zoning ordinance or should it have police powers?
- 2) Has there been any litigation in other communities regarding this type of ordinance?
- 3) Could this be a nuisance issue?
- 4) What is the legality of making something retroactive?

After the discussion the Planning Commission agreed they would like the ordinance to address hours of operation, the federal drug free zone act be used, a business license be obtained, and they particularly liked Roseville's Ordinance and the proposed City of Ironwood's Ordinance.

The Planning Commission requested City Staff with the help of the City Attorney bring a sample ordinance back to them for their review.

9. Other Business.

Commissioner Bergman informed the Planning Commission he recently met with Matt Bergman from U.P. Engineers & Architects regarding the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Ironwood and that Mr. Bergman offered to do a presentation regarding the City of Ironwood's Master Plan.

The Planning Commission would like a joint work session scheduled with the Planning Commission, the City Commission, and Park and Recreation Committee. The Commission suggested the City Manager be contacted regarding a date.

Commissioner Bergman requested that at the next Planning Commission Meeting a copy of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) be presented for their review.


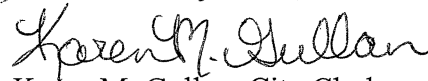
It was noted the next regular meeting would take place on July 11th not the 4th at 5:30 P.M.

10. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Three Minute Limit).

There were none.

11. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Geib, seconded by Johnson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 P.M.


John Wyssling, Chairman

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk