

Proceedings of the Planning Commission Meeting

A Meeting of the Ironwood Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Development Conference Room, Memorial Building (2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Davey, Geib, Johnson, Burchell, Lemke, Commissioner Semo, and Chairman Wyssling

ABSENT: None

3. Consider approval of the August 1, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

4. Consider approval of the Agenda for the Regular Meeting.

*Motion was made by Bergman, seconded by Davey and carried to approve the agenda as presented.*

The Planning Commission welcomed the Joseph Lemke and Samuel Davey to the Ironwood Planning Commission.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee regarding Items On the Agenda (Three-minute limit).

There were none.

6. AUDIENCE: Rev. Rosemary DeHut  
(RE: Housing for released prisoners)

Reverend Rosemary DeHut addressed the Planning Commission Board regarding Stepping Stones plans to purchase a home to house prisoners who have the desire to change. Reverend DeHut handed out back up material from the Salvation Army Emergency Shelter Agreement. She mentioned the agreement was very strict. Prisoners have to agree to the conditions and if not would be terminated. She further stated it would be a transition house and they would not provide any treatment. They would offer help in getting their GED, filling out job applications, and in achieving the released prisoner's goals. The prisoners would not be felons. Further discussion of this matter took place.

7. Discuss and consider recommendation of Marijuana Ordinance to Ironwood City Commission.

Commissioner Burchell questioned the definitions and asked if the City Attorney could weigh in on if it is necessary to define and could it be simplified?

Commissioner Bergman questioned on page 3, "A" if it was legal to make an ordinance retroactive since the City of Ironwood has an existing facility?

Chairman Wyssling noted non-profit status escapes police regulation and felt the City of Ironwood should permit these businesses.

The Planning Commission felt that the City of Ironwood would be fully restricting these types of businesses by stating it could not be located within a certain distance of residential and it could only be in a C2 or C3 District. The Planning Commission suggested the distance be 250 feet from a residential area. (Page 5, Section 2)

It was also suggested to eliminate "D" on page 3.

Commissioner Johnson stated on page 3, paragraph C they should add conditional use to C2 & C3 of the Zoning Ordinance and correct the section numbers.

Assessor Dennis Hewitt and City Clerk Karen Gullan would bring back to Planning Commission at their next meeting a copy of a proposed Ordinance with any comments from City Attorney Michael Pope. Further discussion of this matter took place.

8. Project Updates.

City Assessor Dennis Hewitt reminded the Planning Commission of the Comprehensive Plan Presentation scheduled for Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

He also mentioned construction of a Salt Storage Building at the Department of Public Works Garage would be starting next week.

Mr. Hewitt noted the City would be advertising for bids for a building located down at depot park. The building removal would be at the expense of the purchaser.

9. Other Business

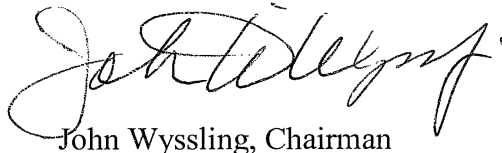
Commissioner Bergman asked where we were on the Capital Improvement Plan. City Staff informed Commissioner Bergman they had met and a draft was being done.

Commissioner Davey noted the CN Railroad Grade was now purchased and is a non-motorized trail.

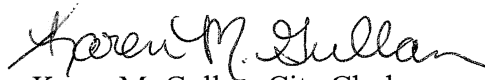
Assessor Dennis Hewitt addressed the Planning Commission regarding the possible abandonment of a Street called Alder Place. A brief discussion of this matter took place.

10. Adjournment

*Motion was made by Geib, seconded by Davey and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.*



John Wyssling, Chairman



Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk