



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Thursday, December 6, 2018

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A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Chair Davey called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.

Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Mark Surprenant	X			
Bob Burchell	X			
Ryon List		X	X	
Sam Davey	X			
Joseph Lemke		X	X	
Nancy Korpela	X			
Joe Cayer ex-officio, non-voting member		X	X	
Mark Silver	X			
	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson

2. Approval of the October 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion** by Silver to accept the October 4, 2018 Minutes. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

3. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion** by Burchell to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
6. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- A. Public Hearing and Consideration of PC Case 2018-005 Zoning amendment to C-1 District.

- I. Davey read the public hearing procedure. Director Bergman discussed the differences in zoning districts. Superintendent Powell addressed the board and discussed the school's intention of selling the property.

Tim Kolesar 132 E. Ridge St., addressed the Commission and discussed his concern with the location turning into a marijuana business.

Bob Tervonen 620 N Lowell St., stated that he was in favor of the zoning change. He doesn't want it to turn into a single dwelling unit.

Gail Malasko 515 N. Lowell St., is concerned with the building not being a school any more. She wants the school to keep the building in case an elementary school is needed in the future.

Keith Johnson 119 Michigan Ave., is concerned that the restrictions by the C-1 District won't be enforced by the City due to a bad track record.

Travis Powell stated that the school district will have the authority to sell or not sell depending on who is considering to buy it.

Silver suggested to have his attorney to place a deed restriction to prevent marijuana uses for the sale.

Davey closed the public hearing.

Director Bergman discussed the new marijuana law, the differences between the caregiver law and why C-1 is the least likely district to harbor a marijuana business. The commission discussed the difference between R-1, R-2, & C-1. Davey asked Mr. Powell what will happen to the building if it doesn't sell. Mr. Powell is looking at the best way to sell it and has some interested parties. Davey asked the audience if they were in favor of the rezone after the discussion and they were unanimously in favor.

**Motion** by Burchell to rezone the property to the C-1 district. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 4 to 0, with Silver abstaining.**

B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items.

I. Strategy 3.1(a) Update the Zoning Ordinance – Review visit from consultants.

1. No update.

C. Review and recommendation of adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan.

- I. Director Bergman asked the Planning Commission to review the plan for the next meeting.

D. Approve 2019 Meeting Schedule (Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5)

**Motion** by Korpela to approve the meeting schedule. **Second** by Silver. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

7. Other Business: None.

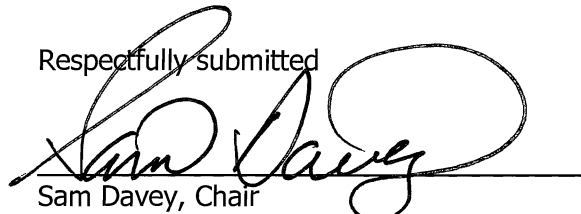
8. Next Meeting: January 3, 2019

9. Adjournment:

**Motion** by Burchell to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Surprenant. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

Adjournment at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist