



PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, January 2, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, January 2, 2025 in the City of Ironwood Memorial Building Women's Club Room.

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

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Nomination of Davey as Chair by Bissell.

Motion to elect Davey as Chair by Boelter. Second by Spence. All in favor.

Nomination of Jenkins as Vice-Chair by Spence.

Motion to elect Jenkins as Vice-Chair by Boelter. Second by Bissell. All in favor.

3. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Sam Davey	X			
Scott Bissell	X			
Klaus Kutschke	X			
Mark Silver	X			
John Spence	X			
Rich Jenkins		X	X	
Grant Boelter	X			
David Andresen ex-officio, non-voting member		X	X	
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Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

4. Approval of the December 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Spence to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Boelter. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

5. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Bissell to approve the Agenda. Second by Spence. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.

7. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. High Profile Sign Approval: Director Bergman presented the request and his findings with the City's attorney.

Motion by Bissell to approve with liability release. Second by Kutschke. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

- B. John Semo Request for 235 E. Ayer Street: Davey recused himself from the discussion. Bergman presented the request. The applicant presented his argument based on his presented letter. The Planning commission discussed nonconformity to the zoning ordinance.

Motion by Silver to declare that M&M plumbing is a non-conforming use and that an auto repair shop is equally non-conforming, and the property owner will need to go through Special Land Use process to use the property for auto repair services. Second by Bissell. Motion Carried 5 to 0 with Davey abstaining.

- C. 2025 Goal Setting: Director Bergman discussed potential goals for the coming year.

Motion by Bissell to adopt the suggested goals. Second by Kutschke. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

- D. Capital Improvement Plan:

Motion by Boelter to recommend to the City Commission to approve the CIP. Second by Silver. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

- E. Comprehensive Plan Update: New survey will be coming out.

9. Other Business: Kutschke asked about adding a pool to the goals and if that was appropriate. Director Bergman said that the Gogebic Range Health Foundation is doing a feasibility study for a recreation center to include a pool. He also asked about a regional planning agency to not duplicate efforts. Bergman said that the GRHF is a regional organization. A regional economic development agency is in discussion with the Office of Rural Prosperity.

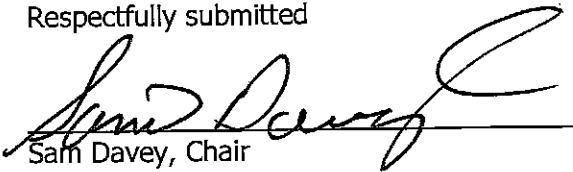
10. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ironwood Memorial Building.

11. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned by Davey

Adjournment at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant