



PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, February 6, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, February 6, 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. Recording of the Roll:

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

3. Approval of the January 2, 2025, meeting minutes.
Motion by Silver to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Jenkins. Motion Carried 5 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion by Jenkins to approve the agenda. Second by Spence. Motion Carried 5 to 0.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.

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

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

- A. Public Hearing – PC Case-2025-002: Special Land Use for ground mounted Solar Array at 117 May Street: Davey read the Public Hearing rules. Director Bergman presented the request. The applicant gave a brief commentary.

Motion by Silver to approve the Special Land Use if everything is in order with regulations. Second by Jenkins. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

- B. Public Hearing – PC Case 2025-001: Special Land Use for Automotive Repair at 235 E. Ayer Street: Director Bergman presented the recommended conditions. Jenkins asked about how to determine if customer cars are being parked in the public lot or not. Jenkins asked about precedent for other non-conforming uses and if this opens the door for others to claim the same as this request.

Motion by Silver to approve the Special Land Use with the conditions listed. Second by Boelter. Motion Carried 4 to 0. Davey abstained.

C. 2025 Goals.

- Comprehensive Plan Update: The survey will be coming out soon.
- Wayfinding Map and Policy: A new downtown sign will be installed soon. Getting approval from Gogebic Range Bank is the next goal.
- Sidewalk and Pedestrian Network Policy: Bergman talked about the previous sidewalk policy that was adopted by the Planning Commission. Staff will send out the old policy for the Planning commission to review. 10% of the City's road aid is meant for pedestrian improvements. The projects that are being funded through rural development have increased substantially which will mean that the City isn't doing big projects. Maintenance of streets may need to be prioritized. This may allow the dollars to be freed up for sidewalks. Staff will send the old policy for Planning Commission review.
- Surplus Property Policy: Staff has started to create a new list of properties. Tier I and Tier II property standards have now changed due to the new zoning ordinance changes in minimum lot requirements.
- Training Opportunities for Planning Commission: Staff will be looking at new training opportunities.

8. Other Business: Silver asked about adjusting the periphery of the downtown zoning to allow for additional uses. Bergman talked about how that may look. Silver brought up the need to identify a new location to expand the industrial park.

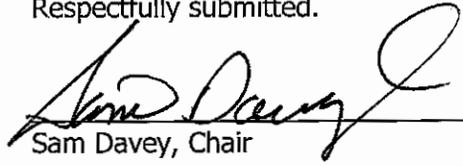
9. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Ironwood Memorial Building.

10. Adjournment.

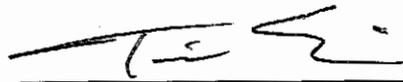
Meeting adjourned by Davey.

Adjournment at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant