

Proceedings of the Planning Commission

A Meeting of the Ironwood Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Commission Chamber, Memorial Building (2nd Floor), 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI 49938.

1. Chairman Wyssling opened the Meeting at 5:30 P.M.

City Clerk Karen Gullan administered the oath to Planning Commission members LeRoy Johnson and Robert Burchell.

2. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Bergman, Geib, Johnson, Burchell, and Chairman Wyssling
ABSENT: Lytywnuik (excused)

3. Election of Officers

Secretary Gullan called for nominations of the Chairman.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bergman to nominate Wyssling as the Chairman.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Burchell to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geib, seconded by Johnson to nominate Bergman as Vice-Chairman.

Motion was made by Geib, seconded by Johnson to close nominations. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Geib and carried to appoint Karen Gullan as recording secretary.

4. Consider approval of the December 7, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Bergman, seconded by Burchell and carried to approve the December 7, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes.

5. Consider approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Bergman and carried to approve the agenda as present.

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

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Project Updates

Assessor/Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt updated the Planning Commission regarding Ottawa Forest Products, Super 1, and El Dorado.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Discuss and consider request from Angelo Luppino to purchase City owned property located on S. Davis Road.

Angelo Luppino addressed the Planning Commission regarding his request to purchase of a City of Ironwood's 60-acre parcel for \$10,000.00.

Mr. Luppino stated he has blacktopped his driveway. He noted the City and others use this access to the stockpiles located on his property. Mr. Luppino also mentioned he has purchased some of the materials from the City in the past for a fee. He felt the property was low land and there really was no value.

Planning Commissioner Johnson handed out a map of the property noting there were 19 airshafts on this property.

The Planning Commission after a brief discussion stated their job is only to recommend to the City Commission placing this on the surplus property list. Further discussion of this matter took place.

Motion was made by Bergman, seconded by Burchell and carried to place the 60-acre parcel on the next agenda to discuss and consider recommending the parcel to be placed on the surplus property list.

9. Goals and objectives

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Geib and carried to approve the goals as presented with the amendment to add 1a. Availability of GIS.

1. Comprehensive Plan Update with a subtitle of GIS Mapping
 - a. Availability of GIS.
2. To take a more active part with the Capital Improvement process throughout the year.
3. Continuing Education/Training Session every quarter.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Bergman and carried to ask the City Commission to go out for RFP's (Request for Proposals) to do the City of Ironwood Comprehensive Plan.

10. Other Business.

The Planning Commission briefly discussed Xcel Energy's request of an easement. The Planning Commission felt their previous motion previously covers their request.

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

James Peterson, representative of All Around Taxi addressed the Planning Commission to request the construction of an 8 x 8 two sided sign in front of Napa Auto.

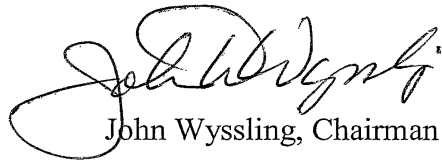
Dennis Hewitt, City Assessor/Building Inspector stated permitted uses for outdoor signs was now listed under conditional uses in the new ordinance.

He further stated the fee for a conditional use permit was \$500.

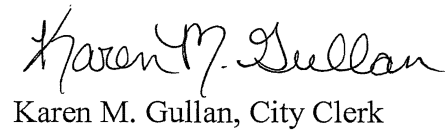
The Planning Commission felt in their opinion the non-premise business sign would need to go through the Conditional Use Permit process. Further discussion took place.

11. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Bergman, seconded by Burchell and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.



John Wyssling, Chairman



Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk