

**CITY OF REEDCITY
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting
March 8, 2021**

Chairperson Dawn Montague called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M electronically for participation via computer or phone.

Present Nathan Bailey, Trevor Guiles, Ron Howell, Dawn Montague, Sarah Spruit and Natasha Sturdavant attended electronically. There are three vacancies on the commission. Audience attending electronically were, Dan Burchett, Lyndsey Eccles-Burchett and Cathie Crew. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

Agenda Motion by Bailey, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to approve the “Revised” agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Minutes Motion by Bailey, seconded by Sturdavant, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021, regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

RRC RRC now offers two levels: “Essentials” and “Certified”. Members discussed which level is most appropriate for Reed City needs based on capacity, community goals and other local factors.

Motion by Guiles, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, based on the MEDC’s update for the Redevelopment Ready Communities to Level 2.0, that we pursue the Certified track in the RRC 2.0. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Montague, Bailey, Spruit, Howell, Guiles and Sturdavant.

OPRA District - Top 10 commercial properties to develop. Ron advised members he only received three ballots back and encouraged everyone to please send those completed ballots in to him to be tallied.

New Business

Members discussed the Museum moving into town and what would be the best use of the vacated empty building after the move is complete. Dan Burchett offered the recommendation of a Recreation Center/Community Center. Guiles commented it is within the Reed City Recreation Plan. Spruit advised there is not City water and sewer services there. There is a septic and a water well which is turned off in the winter.

Motion by Bailey, seconded by Guiles, **CARRIED**, to recommend to City Council to pursue the use of the former Museum building for an indoor Recreational facility to be used by the community. Roll call vote. Voting yes were, Sturdavant, Howell, Guiles, Bailey and Montage. Spruit voted no.

Zoning Administrator’s Report

Ron reported there is a situation with a rental property which has a non-conforming use. This property became vacant for longer than 180 days and lost its Special Use Permit and Ron advised planning members the new owner will be coming before planning for a Special Use Permit.

Ron also reported the City has been trying to work with the businesses downtown and help with special permits to help them keep their businesses going.

CIP The proposed Capital Improvements Program for the 2021 – 2022 budget year was presented and discussed. Members ask several questions of Ron on the various departments. It was requested of the City Manager to have the Department Heads present for the next regular meeting to present their CIP and answer questions.

Public Comment There were no public comments.

Adjourn Chairperson Montague adjourned the meeting at 8:26 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam
Recording Secretary