

**CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION
February 3, 2020**

Chairperson Dawn Montague called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 East Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

Present: Nate Bailey, Marlene Fatum, Trevor Guiles, Ron Howell, Dawn Montague and Russell Nehmer. Gennie Knapp, Randy Laramore and Natasha Sturdavant were absent. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There was a citizen in the audience.

Agenda Motion by Fatum, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Minutes Motion by Fatum, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2020 regular meeting as presented with the correction of Chestnut Street spelled out. Affirmed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

RRC Ron announced he had received notification from the State of Michigan that Reed City had been selected as a Trail Town designation – a Pure Michigan Trail Town. Ron stressed it cannot be publicized until after the official announcement on February 19th. Some of these items in the trail town designation are part of the RRC best practices. Ron reported he had met with the 131 corridor committee group last week and he also advised members he had not heard back from Dan Massey regarding the County Planning Commission.

New Business

Webinar Information was included in the packet on a free online webinar on Tourism Area Life Cycles for Preventing Destination Decline. Ron encouraged those who were able to register for the program.

Trail Russell approached members regarding developing a Purple Heart Trail within the City. Members were enthusiastic about the recommendation and thought the Linear Park trail down by the proposed Veteran's Park would be the ideal trail to designate as a Purple Heart Trail.

Zoning Administrator's Report

- Ron reported he had met with Craig Goodman today and Mr. Goodman wants to go ahead with his plan and will be submitting a site plan for the development of a store/fast food/gas station at 315 N. Chestnut.
- Yoplait's MEDC grant is moving forward. They have sent in their paperwork regarding the addition of 35 jobs and invoices for machinery and equipment.
- Ron met with Ebels, the bank and MEDC last week and advised them the City is proceeding with making the property an OPRA. Ebels still is in the process of getting their studies done so no decision has been made if they are going to remodel or just rebuild a new building. The State is receptive to helping Ebels.
- Ron met with the school regarding using the area by the school for a new City well. This would be for a replacement well for the one located in the Reed City Group parking lot.
- Reported he had contacted the Big Rapids City Manager regarding deer cull and the Big Rapids Manager stated they had hired the USDA to come in and get rid of the deer at \$1,000/per deer.

Adjourn Chairperson Montague adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam
Recording Secretary