

**CITY OF REED CITY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**July 1, 2024**

Chairperson Dawn Montague called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 East Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

- Present Trevor Guiles, Charles Lupo, Roger Meinert, Dawn Montague, Karen Lea McKinney, and Rich Saladin. Allison Langworthy and Sarah Spruit were absent. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were citizens in the audience.
- Agenda Motion by McKinney, seconded by Meinert, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes Motion by Lupo, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Sesquicentennial Update

Charles Lupo presented several sponsorship letters to increase participation for the Sesquicentennial Celebration to raise funds for various events including a Lumberjack Show, Pocket Park Dedication, parade, downtown gala, car show and more. Full event scheduling is ongoing. The search for a new city logo design continues. Gail Bailey, spoke on the proposed budget for the committee, focusing primarily on the Lumberjack show portion.

- Discussion and action on sponsorship letters – Motion made by Meinert, seconded by McKinney to recommend presenting letters to City Council for fundraising and participation efforts for the Sesquicentennial. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Discussion of commemorative coin – A mock-up of multiple designs was presented and discussion proceeded. No action was taken.

City Manager/Zoning Administrator's Report

Rich Saladin reported on the following:

- Chestnut Street bridge is open, finishing touches are being completed. The US10 bridge is also ahead of schedule. Applied for MDOT grant to extend sidewalk on S. Chestnut pathway.
- 220<sup>th</sup> Road/Patterson project is awaiting final Council approval at the next meeting. Improvements include 3 lanes, lighting and walking path from Upton Ave. to US10
- Splash Pad/Pocket Park grant is awaiting paperwork for finalization with a hopeful build date of April 2025.
- Drinking Water State Revolving funds will be used for water main & water tower maintenance, another well, lead service line replacement and new meters throughout the city. Projects came back under budget, so the City is exploring compatible pathways to spend all funds
- Summer Saturdays have been well attended with Neil Diamond concert having approximately 250-350 attendees. Multiple concerts and car show coming up, three more Art in the Park programs.
- Finalizing a tree grant for 150 Trees for 150 Years, will follow-up with committee in August. Currently writing a Consumers Energy Tree Grant, to replace trees along Upton, Slosson and Higbee.
- Will be vacation from July 10 to July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment

Dawn Montague asked about the handicap swing. Brief discussion was had about location and what was needed for use. The swing is wheelchair accessible like the one at Hemlock Park, this swing requires the users to be placed into it and secured.

Adjourn

Chairperson Montague adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Jennifer Thorson  
Recording Secretary