

July 28, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Planning Commission
Tuesday, July 28, 2015

1. Call to Order

Chairman Germayne called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Germayne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Tom Germayne, Mayor Walt Bargaen, John Lengemann and Ted Sadler

Absent: Vice-Chairman Stu Davis, Brian Badder and Jason Schwab

Also Present: City Manager Tom Youatt

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Lengemann, seconded by Bargaen, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried 4 – yeas; 0 - nays**

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Lengemann, seconded by Bargaen, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, May 26, 2015. **Motion Carried 4 – yeas; 0 – nays**

6. Citizens From the Floor - None

7. Old Business

A. M-53 Corridor Plan Update/Survey

City Manager Tom Youatt described the M-53 Corridor Plan process and the survey that has been developed in order to get feedback from M-53 travelers. Youatt noted Rob Eggers of Spicer Group as the lead planner on the project and invited Planning Commission members to the next meeting on July 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Germayne inquired as to the survey response thus far. Youatt indicated the survey was launched one week ago and the response has been tremendous. Youatt noted the strong response is representative of the concern that exists in our community. Some discussion took place regarding the railroad viaduct and the electric power poles. Youatt noted that representatives from CN Railroad and DTE will be present at the next M-53 Corridor Plan meeting. Some discussion took place regarding the ensuing traffic signal study, incorporation into the Master Plan, development of an alternate truck route, and congestion, speed and enforcement issues. Youatt reported that the plan would ultimately be developed in phases.

8. New Business

A. ABC/SEED Community Revitalization Plan

City Manager Tom Youatt reported on the work of the ABC/SEED Group in the America's Best Communities Grant Competition. Youatt noted the application process began last fall and Imlay City, along with Imlay and Attica Townships, was successful in securing a quarter-finalist designation. Youatt noted competition sponsor Frontier Communications, corporate partner Dixon Schwabl, and the \$65,000 grant that was awarded in the quarter-finalist round for development of a Community Revitalization Plan (CRP). Youatt noted the CRP is due November 4, 2015 and will be used to help Frontier judge who will advance as semi-finalists in the competition, securing \$100,000 to begin CRP implementation. Youatt reported that Archive DS was chosen as the consultant to prepare the CRP and indicated that public input sessions will be held in September. Youatt further noted the savings this project represents as the local match dollars used had already been built into the 2015-16 budgets for planning purposes. Youatt noted next steps in the competition and the multitude of community outreach and publicity efforts already underway in conjunction with the competition.

9. Adjournment

**Moved by Lengemann, seconded by Bargaen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.
Motion Carried 4 – yeas; 0 - nays**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nicole F. Frost, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: _____