

**CITY OF AU GRES  
JOINT TIFA/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024  
5:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**     TIFA Board: Tom Nixon, Jon Sanford, Allison Wiltse, John Popovich, Dan Tolliver, William Borushko  
                  Planning Commission: Tom Nixon, John Popovich, Jon Sanford, Dale Dittenber, Nicholas Onica  
**ABSENT:**     TIFA Board: Marcia Zoyiopoulos  
                  Planning Commission: Virginia Hasty  
**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Dale Wiltse

**1).     CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Nixon at 5:09 p.m.

**2).     ROLL CALL**

Roll call noted TIF member Marcia Zoyiopoulos and Planning Commission member Virginia Hasty as absent.

**3).     MINUTES**

**MOTION** (Popovich) to approve TIFA Meeting minutes November 28, 2023; support (Sanford). Motion carried.

**4).     CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:** None

**5).     OLD BUSINESS:** None

**6).     NEW BUSINESS**

6.1     Informational Meeting to all Jurisdictions levying taxes subject to TIFA capture

City Clerk explained that City needs to hold two informational meetings per year to all units who have TIFA capture withheld from taxes. Nobody was present tonight for comments.

6.2     Adopt Capital Project Listing 2024/25 year

City Manager went through proposed 2024/25 list of projects included in packet. Big items moving forward this year is the campground expansion, ballfield relocation, city hall improvements along with the Chapel & Michigan Avenue Park improvements. Au Gres is one of ten finalists in the Consumer Energy “Put Your Town on the Map” grant for park/chapel improvements; award to the top 3 finalists. City also applied for two grants on the campground expansion (1) \$400,000 to DNR and (2) \$100,000 to Rural Development.

Nixon: Wanted to know city park pavilion status? City Manager said they are up here working and need to decide this Thursday, April 25 if it will be available for first rental of May 4.

Sanford: Status of the bike trail from Au Gres Township to the City? Have not heard anymore about it.

Nixon: Would like to see a bullpen area added off to the side of the new ballfields. City Manager has an idea of layout but would like input to make sure the 2 proposed fields comply with size and direction.

With the move of the ballfields next to the soccer fields, a big decision will need to be made on who is going to maintain since the Au Gres Soccer and Au Gres Little League are separate groups. City Manager feels the best solution for both groups, who lack volunteers, is to rent the fields out from the City (small nominal fee to cover costs) and the City to maintain both fields. TIFA and Planning Commission members need to keep thinking of any ideas for future year’s project list.

**MOTION** (Borushko) to adopt 5-year capital project listing for the TIFA fund for the 2024/25 year and to re-evaluate future years for projects; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

6.3     Adopt TIFA Budget 2024/25 year

**MOTION** (Sanford) to adopt TIFA budget for fiscal year 2024/25 year as presented; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

**7).     CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:** None

**8).     CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** None

**9).     ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** (Popovich) to adjourn meeting at 5:32 p.m. support (Nixon). Motion carried.

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Tom Nixon, Chairman

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LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk