

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2021

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular Planning Commission meeting was held at City Hall on the 14th day of June, 2021 at 6:30 PM

**THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:** Chairman Ferris, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Torkelson, Commissioner Zelinske, Commissioner Tinsley and Commissioner Fitch

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** None

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator Tim Ibisch, Clerk Rappe, Deb O’Conner, Christy Eischens and Tim O’Morro

**CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30PM**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – May 10 and Special Meeting May 24, 2021 - Motion to Approve the Minutes as Submitted made by Commissioner Burton, second by Commissioner Fitch With All Voting Aye.**

**AMERICAN LEGION FENCE DISCUSSION** – Christy Eischens and Deb O’Connor were in attendance representing the American Legion in Kasson. They would like to put a fence around the parking lot to expand their outdoor seating and provide for beanbags or other events. The City Council approved the fence to be 6 feet high and permanent. Eischens and O’Connor would like to request a review of this. They only want a 3 to 5 foot high fence. They want the fence to be semi-permanent on the south and west sides. They have met with fire chief regarding the fire code. They want a shorter fence to be seen and for material costs. They want it off the ground 6 inches. Dan concerned with the galvanized with sun reflecting off. The semi-permanent part would be removed in the winter for snow plowing and for additional parking. They would have gates for large deliveries. The gates on the fence should be exit only Commissioner Fitch stated, but they do not want to do one way gates. Commissioner Torkelson likes shorter fence so people can see. Commissioner Egger asked them to come with specific measurements, and how they are going to attach to the permanent fence to temp fence.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR - ORDINANCE CHANGE TO KENNEL LANGUAGE** – Administrator Ibisch explained that there have been some enforcement issues regarding the animal ordinance. The changes to the kennel and animal ordinances were reviewed.

Public hearing open

No comments

Public hearing closed

**Motion to Approve the Proposed changes made by Commissioner Burton, second by Commissioner Thompson with All Voting Aye.**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR - ORDINANCE CHANGE TO SOLAR LANGUAGE** – Administrator Ibisch gave background, this is revising the solar chapter to define things more clearly and we are seeing roof top systems wanting to come to town. It would restrict ground mounted systems more than they are now. This also lets the City make sure that this hooks into the City’s system correctly. There is an interconnect agreement that governs a lot of the problems that could come up. Commissioner Egger would like language included that when panels come off the roof the roof is put back into serviceable condition

Public hearing open

No comments

Public hearing closed

**Motion to Approve the Ordinance with Language Change made by Commissioner Egger, second by Commissioner Tinsley with All Voting Aye.**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR - ORDINANCE CHANGE TO SIGN LANGUAGE** – Administrator Ibisch stated that this is to remove the time period since that is unenforceable for temporary signs.

Public hearing open

No comments

Public Hearing closed

**Motion to Approve the Ordinance made by Commissioner Thompson, second by Commissioner Torkelson with All Voting Aye.**

**FENCE PERMIT UPDATE** – Planning Commission has discussed having a fence permit. Clerk Rappe suggested making it an ordinance instead of permitting. Will we want an inspection, or building inspections, cost? The Planning Commission would like to make this an ordinance and not permitting.

**UPDATE ON DAVIDSON VARIANCE** – Administrator Ibisch updated the Commission that the Council initially denied the variance and then the applicant appealed and the Council did approve it. The City is changing the permit form and making changes to help prevent this from happening again.

**STERLING LARSON SOLAR PROJECT** – The County is not going to sign off on this project unless the City gives the project an affirmative. Administrator Ibisch's comments were reviewed. The township's biggest objection is the request to change from urban expansion to landfill. Ibisch met with the contractors and they are not going to do anything and have other options if the City says no to this location. If the project is only 15 years it may not be a problem. Commissioner Torkelson asked about what is the advantage to us, basically no advantage to us. Commissioner Fitch stated that if 16<sup>th</sup> St goes through to the west this could open up a lot and this project would limit future growth on that side of town. Planning Commission's consensus was that there is no advantage to City so we are not interested.

**TRANSPORTATION MAP/PLAN** – The Commissioners were given maps to draw on and bring back to the next Planning Commission meeting with their suggestions on where they believe roads should connect.

**OTHER**

**ADJOURN** – 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Linda Rappe, City Clerk