



PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with the following Planning Commissioners in attendance: Dan Ryerson, Melissa Huntington, Colleen Johnson, Heidi Spiess, John Dieball, and Julie Sheehy. Commissioners absent: None. Newell Krogmann, City Council Liaison, and Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator, and Nate Sparks, City Planner, were also in attendance.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Sheehy, to approve the agenda as written. Members voting in favor: Ryerson, Huntington, Johnson, and Sheehy. Members voting no: None. Motion carried. Commissioners Dieball and Spiess were not present for this vote.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2022

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Huntington, to approve the January 13, 2022, meeting minutes as written. Members voting in favor: Ryerson, Huntington, Johnson, and Sheehy. Members voting no: None. Motion carried. Commissioners Dieball and Spiess were not present for this vote.

Item 4.1. – Public Hearing - Siwek Lumber Building Materials Variance

The public hearing was opened by Chair Ryerson at 6:07 P.M. to consider a variance submitted by Siwek Lumber of Le Sueur, address 608 Wolf Street. Three comments were made:

Charlie Fogarty – questions about drainage issues

Matt Doerr – discussed materials, supports variance request

Scott Von Lehe – represented the applicant, discussed why the variance was needed, cited the other building in the area all being 100% metal

The public hearing was closed by Chair Ryerson at 6:19 P.M.

Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Dieball to direct staff to develop findings of fact in support of approving the variance and to bring those findings of fact to the next regular Planning Commission meeting on March 10, 2022. Members voting in favor: Ryerson, Huntington, Johnson, Dieball, Spiess, and Sheehy. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Item 4.2. – Public Hearing – Subdivision Ordinance Amendments

The public hearing was opened by Chair Ryerson at 6:44 P.M. to consider an ordinance that amends sections of City Code related to the subdivision ordinance. There were no comments during this public hearing.

The public hearing was closed by Chair Ryerson at 6:45 P.M.

Motion by Member Sheehy, seconded by Member Ryerson, to recommend the subdivision ordinance contained in the agenda packet for approval by City Council. Members voting in favor: Ryerson, Huntington, Johnson, Dieball, Spiess, and Sheehy. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Item 5.1 Future of the City Forum Planning Update

Staff provided a brief update on the Future of the City Forum. The venue has been secured. Chair Ryerson and City Administrator Kruggel will meet next week to continue planning for the event to be held on March 26, 2022.

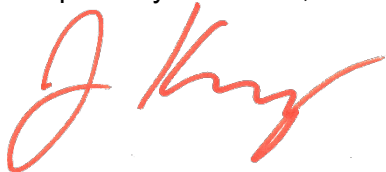
Item 6.1 City Council Update

City Council Liaison Krogmann discussed the City Administrator resignation with the Planning Commission and let them know that the Personnel and Budget Committee has been working on a process to fill the vacancy.

Item 7 Adjournment

Motion by Member Huntington, seconded by member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Members voting in favor: Ryerson, Huntington, Johnson, Dieball, Spiess, and Sheehy. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator