

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

October 12, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular Planning Commission meeting was held at City Hall on the 12th day of October, 2015 at 6:30 PM

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Chairperson Dean, Commissioner Stafford, Commissioner Torkelson, and Commissioner Ferris

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Commissioner Borgstrom, Commissioner Sannes and Commissioner Richette

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Mike Martin and Admin Assistant Weigel

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Dean called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Commissioner Ferris made a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2015; Commissioner Stafford seconded with all voting aye.

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED EASEMENT PARTIAL VACATION: **Community Development Director Martin** indicated that this was an item that was looked at last month and a recommendation was made to the City Council. The City Council has held a Public Hearing on September 23, 2015 and a couple of citizens weighed in with their comments asking the Council to seriously consider not giving up the easements. The Council tabled this topic until their next meeting on October 14th and sent it back to the Planning Commission in the event that they would like to change their recommendation based on the citizen's comments. After little discussion the Planning Commission directed staff to keep the same recommendation that was provided at the September 14th meeting.

PROPOSED SUBDIVISION CODE AMENDMENT: **Community Development Director Martin** started out by explaining that in the packet was a portion of the subdivision ordinance from Byron that seems to be the simplest one. After review and little discussion it was agreed upon by all Commissioners present that this was an acceptable ordinance to start with and it will be sent to the City Attorney for further review and modifications.

HOLDCO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT COMMENTS: Community Development Director Martin explained that although this property is out of the jurisdiction of the City of Kasson, the Dodge County Planning Commission has asked for the City's input as it does about some of our resident's properties. Dodge Holdco/SolarStone and Stussy Construction are proposing to install a solar farm north and west of the Stussy Quarry north of Kasson. As part of the comments provided to Dodge County will be how the transmission lines will be run, as that is not addressed in the material provided. Another comment that will be made is that an annual report should be made public at least within Dodge County for this site so we know how much electricity has been generated and what maintenance issues have come out. A basic report on how it's functioning.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

ADJOURN: Since the agenda had been met the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

ATTEST:

Krista Weigel
Administrative Assistant

Michael Martin
Community Development Director