

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

November 4, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular Planning Commission meeting was held at City Hall on the 4th day of November, 2013 at 6:30 PM

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Torkelson, Nelson, Dean, Ferris, Rischette, and Borgstrom

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Sannes

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Mike Martin and Deputy Clerk Linda Rappe

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS: Torkelson made a motion to approve the minutes from August 12, 2013, Borgstrom seconded. All Ayes.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT C-3 and C-M SECTIONS OF THE ZONING CODE:

Martin stated the C-M and C-3 sections of the zoning code do not permit retail stores so when someone comes in and wants to locate in Kasson the only commercial zone for them is in a C-1 or C-2 zone. These zones are very small and limited on space. Developers are looking at 12k to 120k square feet of space and it would be the most effective and efficient to add the language "Department, variety, clothing, furniture, antique, gift, drug, hardware and book stores, news shops, flower shops, show rooms for articles to be sold at retail" as a permitted use in C-3 and a conditional use in the C-M sections of the zoning code. The Planning Commission discussed this.

MOTION: Motion by Borgstrom, second by Torkelson to hold a public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance at the December meeting. All Ayes.

DISCUSSION OF NORTHEAST ACCESSES: The planning commission discussed possibilities and costs of roads and crossing of the creek and railroad tracks. One suggestion that was made to cross the creek going southeast from 3rd street NE and run along the railroad tracks to the east may be a viable option.

There are not many options that would be cost effective for the northeast portion of town south of 16th Street.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman Nelson congratulated Deputy Clerk Rappe on achieving her Masters of Municipal Clerk's certification.

ADJOURN: Since the agenda had been met the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rappe, Deputy Clerk