

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 12, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular Planning Commission meeting was held at City Hall on the 12th day of September, 2016 at 6:30 PM

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Chairperson Dean, Commissioner Ferris, Commissioner Stafford, Commission Sannes, Commissioner Torkelson, Commissioner Tinsley; and Council Member Buck.

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: Commissioner Borgstrom

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

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: **Commissioner Tinsley made a motion to approve the minutes from July 11, 2016; Commissioner Ferris seconded with all voting aye.**

Commissioner Tinsley requested that the following be added to the record: “**Commissioner Tinsley** noted that an enlargement does not bring the project into conformance. There is more room because of multiple tenants and there is potential to expand within the building.” **Commissioner Sannes made a motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2016 with the changes noted; Commissioner Torkelson seconded with all voting aye.**

PUBLIC HEARING – Temporary Family Health Care Dwelling: **Community Development Director Martin** explained that there is no provision to regulate the structures. Most Cities in the State of Minnesota are choosing to opt out through the passing of specific ordinance.

Chairperson Dean opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

No public comments were received by staff.

Chairman Dean closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION – Code Amendment related to Temporary Family Health Care Dwelling: a code amendment will be reviewed by the City Council on September 28, 2016.

DISCUSSION of Code Amendment related to Chickens in the R-1 District: **Community Development Director Martin** explained that, by State Statute, allowing barnyard fowl requires specific ordinance.

Johann and Alia Marsland, 703 Southfork PI SE: Small flocks of chickens are allowed in Byron, Rochester and St. Paul. The noise level is quieter than a dog ... if dogs are allowed, chickens should be allowed. A mobile coop moves every 3-4 days decreasing the smell. Without roosters, a small flock of chickens produce low noise and low waste.

Commissioners discussed limits to the number of chickens, the fact that there are more chickens in town already, mobile versus permanent coops and model ordinance.

Community Development Director Martin noted that the League of Minnesota Cities has some model ordinances available.

The consensus was to move forward with the review of a draft ordinance at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION of Code Amendments related to Chairperson and Monthly Meetings: Following discussion the matter was referred directly to the City Council for review by the City Attorney.

ADJOURN: Since the agenda had been met the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

ATTEST:

Theresa Coleman
City Administrator

Michael Martin
Community Development Director