

## MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

March 12, 2012

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular Planning Commission meeting was held at City Hall on the 12th day of March, 2012 at 6:30 PM

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:** Nelson, Dean, Egger, Sannes, Ferris, Rischette and Borgstrom.

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT:** Community Development Director Mike Martin

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Clerk Linda Rappe, Gary Remmele, Gene Luedtke, Holland and Dylan Harris, Deb and Bruce Schwartau, Don and Pat Thayer, Don Zeller, Dave and Rose Ludvigsen, Elaine Marquardt, Thelma Givan.

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS:** Egger made a motion to approve the minutes from January 9, 2012, Borgstrom seconded. All Ayes.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED FOR VARIANCE REQUEST:** Chairman Nelson opened the public hearing for a variance requested by Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Deputy Clerk Rappe gave background on the request stating that a group of retired persons called Builders for Christ will be working on an addition to Our Saviors Lutheran Church. They are requesting to be able to park their RV's on the church's property from April to September during construction. This is a variance to the City's zoning ordinance Section 154.049. Gene Luedtke and Gary Remmele were present representing the church. Mr. Remmele handed out information from Builders for Christ stating how they plan to hook up to the City's water, sewer and electric. Holland Harris – 703 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW, stated she was concerned with where the campers would be placed. Mr. Remmele addressed this question stating that they would all be on the parking lot area that is well away from the residential homes. Don Thayer – 610 7 1/2 St Cir NW, stated that he thinks this is a great idea to have more people in town and buying from our local merchants. The City office had a call concerning kids and campfires. Bruce Schwartau, President of the church's congregation addressed that concern that it wasn't a church function and it was a neighbor who over-spilled their property onto the church's.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Nelson – questioned campfires and the church stated they already have a fire ring and as long as they are kept to the definition of a recreational fire they are allowed.

Commissioner Borgstrom – wants to make sure that we keep in mind this could be requested by any of the churches in Kasson and is concerned with the RV electrical code and doesn't feel this meets all of the criteria for granting a variance.

Commissioner Sannes – Appreciates Borgstrom's comments and experience in the electrical department. But he doesn't have an issue with this variance.

Commissioner Egger – all campers will be on the churches property and everyone is following the noise and other city ordinances then he doesn't have a problem with any church doing this.

Commissioner Dean – remembers when they built the church and he never noticed the campers and the extra people. He is concerned with the wording in the resolution stating that the only way this can be done is with volunteer labor.

Commissioner Ferris – thinks this is a good thing for the church and the community and as long as the electrical is inspected by the State Electrical Inspector and the water and sewer connections are inspected by the City Public Utilities.

**MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL:** Motion to recommend adoption of the resolution with the changes to finding of fact #2 and other changes as indicated during the discussion made by Sannes, seconded by Dean. Ayes – Nelson, Ferris, Egger, Dean and Sannes. Nays - Borgstrom

**UPDATE ON ON-LINE TRAINING:** All Commissioners except Borgstrom indicated that they have completed the on-line Land Use Basics Course.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Chairman Nelson gave the commissioners an update on Community Development Director, Mike Martin's status.

**ADJOURN:** Since the agenda had been met the meeting was adjourned at 6:55

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Rappe, Deputy Clerk