

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

June 13, 2011

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular Planning Commission meeting was held at City Hall on the 13th day of June, 2011 at 6:30 PM

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

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: None

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

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS: Dean made a motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2011, Sannes seconded. All Ayes.

PROJECT UPDATES: Economic Development Director, Mike Martin, gave an update on projects that are happening in Kasson. The Greenway Coop project is underway and dust control is being done to neighbors satisfaction, Greenway has been issued a permit to work in the ROW. Tax abatement has been approved by all parties and the School Board and County Board need to approve the contracts.

The 16th Street bridge and about one mile of blacktop is still underway, the ROW will be wider (100 feet instead of the normal 66 feet). We will be taking out 12 trees but the residents will be reimbursed for them. A walking path will be on the south side east of the bridge and on both sides on the bridge and on the north side west of the bridge.

The outfall line from the WWTP to the Zumbro River is set to start this summer. The city has received a 1% loan to build this. They will start at County Road 15 and go south then go back and do the north part of the project.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Martin stated that if there is a government shutdown that will halt all of the projects except for Greenway. The City wouldn't get their LGA.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS AND ISSUES: Martin informed the Commissioners that there could be a request to build a house on a 10 acre parcel coming to the Board. The Commissioners questioned what was happening with the old elementary school and Martin stated that the demolition can be done after the contract expires in August. The Commissioners also wanted to know what became of the DME railroad coal train project. Martin stated that the railroad had been sold to Canadian Pacific and they have not requested any road closings. The Commissioners also wanted to know if there are requests coming from the Mayo Clinic facility regarding relocating. Martin stated that they would like 5 acres and they want to work on this themselves.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Comprehensive Plan process was discussed and the Commissioners like the outcome but are disappointed in the involvement of SEMDC. Martin stated that his concerns have been voiced to the Company.

Dodge County has pulled the request by the Fair Board for billboards on the sides of the fair buildings facing Mantorville Ave.

The skate park at the ice arena is going up this week.

ADJOURN: Since the agenda had been met the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rappe, Deputy Clerk