

**CITY OF ISANTI
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2009**

1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order

Krause called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone rose for the pledge of allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Englund, Sue Larson, Ross Lorinser, Steven Rask, Sean Stevens

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Lisa Krause, City Planner; Clark Joslin, City Attorney

D. Agenda Modifications.

Krause stated there were none.

2.A. Welcome Council Representatives

Krause welcomed Councilmember Larson and Councilmember Lorinser to the Planning Commission.

3. Organization of Advisory Bodies as per Ordinance No. 181

A. Oath of Office for all Planning Commission Members

All members rose and stated the verbal oath of office.

B. Chair of Planning Commission

Krause requested nominations for the position of Chair.

Motion by Englund, second by Lorinser to approve Mr. Sean Stevens as Chair of the Planning Commission. Motion was approved unanimously.

C. Vice-Chair of Planning Commission

Stevens requested nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Larson to approve Mr. Steve Rask as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. Motion was approved unanimously.

D. Secretary of Planning Commission

Stevens requested nominations for the position of Secretary.

Motion by Englund, second by Larson to approve City staff as Secretary of the Planning Commission. Motion was approved unanimously.

E. Approve 2009 Planning Commission Meeting Dates

Stevens requested approval of the 2009 Planning Commission dates and questioned if anyone saw any conflicts.

Motion by Larson, second by Stevens to approve the 2009 Planning Commission meeting dates. Motion was approved unanimously.

F. Appoint Planning Commission Members to Business/Industrial Sub-Committee

Stevens requested nominations to the Business / Industrial Sub-Committee.

Larson questioned whether Rask and Englund would be interested in sitting on the committee again.

Englund and Rask agreed.

Motion by Larson, second by Lorinser to approve the reappointment of Dave Englund and Steve Rask to the Business / Industrial Sub-Committee. Motion was approved unanimously.

G. Conflict of Interest Policy

City Attorney Joslin discussed the Conflict of Interest Policy, law provisions and avoidance of the same. Joslin encouraged members to call for clarification if the need arose. Joslin stated that "when in doubt, check it out". Joslin encouraged members to read the policy.

4. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2008, Planning Commission Meeting

Stevens requested a motion on the minutes.

Motion to Englund, second by Rask to approve the December 9, 2008 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Other Business

A. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Licensed Group Homes.

Krause presented the staff memo regarding the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Krause outlined the Minnesota State Statutes with regards to this item.

Lorinser questioned the limitations on sex offenders and their ability to be excluded. Lorinser questioned whether other types of "group homes" could be excluded.

Krause stated that the City has to follow the state statutes with regards to group homes. Krause stated that Mr. Joslin was looking at the language as well to ensure that the City is in compliance.

Lorinser questioned whether these are taxed as residential units or as commercial.

Krause stated that she would look into that question, as taxes are usually based upon the use.

Larson questioned if a home with dementia patients were to come into the City, as once proposed, would they be permitted under this section.

Krause stated that there are state requirements that would have to be met to meet the requirements.

Stevens questioned the parking issue, if the group homes were required to be permitted.

Krause stated that staff had the same concerns; however, it looked as if the state was requiring Cities to permit group homes whether or not parking was an issue or not. Krause stated that staff is working with Mr. Joslin on the state requirements, in an effort to see, what must be permitted and what the City would be allowed to have further review.

Lorinser stated that it would appear that the State did not want Cities to bar certain types of housing.

Motion by Larson, second by Rask to call for a public hearing on this item at the February 10th meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Subdivision Ordinance Amendment – Certification of Taxes Paid.

Krause presented the staff memo on this issue and explained that this requirement is already within the zoning ordinance. Krause stated that Minnesota Statutes would permit the City to require this as part of the application submittal requirements.

Lorinser questioned why this was not included in the zoning ordinance updates.

Krause stated that the Subdivision Ordinance is a separate ordinance and the language is only included in the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Larson, second by Englund to call for a public hearing on this item at the February 10th meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Stevens had requested an update on the areas of reservation that had been presented to the Planning Commission in November of 2008.

Krause stated that DAC had met with Mr. Yerigan regarding the issue. Krause stated that DAC had requested additional information from City staff. Krause stated that the information will be returned to DAC later this month for a formal recommendation to the City Council.

Lorinser stated that the discussions were on going at this point.

Krause stated that as for the property by the Middle School, the City Council found that the rezoning was consistent with what had been in place their to begin with. Krause stated that the City Council decided that if the property owners wanted to develop the property at a higher

density, those property owners could come back with an actual plan and request a rezoning at a later date.

Stevens questioned whether discussions with Mr. Yerigan have been amicable to this point.

Krause stated that discussion had been amicable. Krause stated that the meeting held today went well.

Lorinser stated that the discussion allowed both sides to ask questions and understand the position of the other side.

Stevens stated that it was an unfinished issue from 2008.

Krause stated that City staff would inform the Planning Commission of the outcome.

Motion by Englund, second by Larson to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 10th day of February 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Krause, AICP
City Planner