

**CITY OF ISANTI
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Stevens 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: Kristie Gordon, Sue Larson, Cindy Lind-Livingston, and Sean Stevens.

Members Absent: Dave Englund (gave prior notice) and Steven Lundeen (gave prior notice).

Staff Present: Lisa Wilson, Planning and Parks Director.

D. Agenda Modifications.

Stevens questioned if there were any modifications to the agenda.

Wilson stated that there were none.

Motion by Larson, second by Lind-Livingston to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2012.

Stevens requested a motion regarding the minutes from the October 9th meeting.

Motion by Larson, second by Lind-Livingston to approve the October 9, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearings.

A. Request from the City of Isanti to Amend Ordinance No. 445 Zoning: Section 2 Definitions; Section 16 Signs, Subdivision 8 Sign Provisions (A); Section 13 Use Regulations; Section 10 Special Purpose Districts, Article 2 "CBT" Central Business Transitional District; and Section 12 Tier One Zoning Districts, Article 1 "T1-R" Tier One Residential District and other associated sections to amend and include provisions for home occupations.

Wilson presented the staff memo and outlined the new regulations.

Stevens opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Stevens questioned if anyone in the audience wished to speak on the item. Stevens stated that there were no public comments. Stevens closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Larson, second by Stevens to recommend approval of the Amendments to Ordinance No. 445 Zoning to include provisions for home occupations; as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Request from the City of Isanti to Amend Ordinance No. 445 Zoning: Section 2 Definitions; Section 6 Residential Districts; Section 7 Business Districts, Article 2 “B-2” General Business Districts; Section 10 Special Purpose Districts, Article 2 “CBT” Central Business Transitional District; and Section 12 Tier One Zoning Districts, Article 1 “T1-R” Tier One Residential District and other associated sections to amend and include provisions for residential and commercial kennels.

Wilson presented the staff memo and outlined the new regulations. Wilson stated that the zoning portion only, is being presented this evening. Wilson stated that both the zoning amendments and city code amendments would proceed to Council on November 20th.

Stevens opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Stevens questioned if anyone in the audience had comments on the proposed amendments. Stevens stated that there were no public comments. Stevens closed the hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Stevens questioned if Mr. Joslin had provided comment on these amendments.

Wilson stated that Mr. Joslin had been given the opportunity to review the amendments. Wilson stated that Mr. Joslin did not have any concerns.

Stevens questioned if all staff comments or concerns had been addressed.

Wilson stated that any comments the Chief had were included as well.

Motion by Larson, second by Stevens to recommend approval of Amendments to Ordinance No. 445 Zoning to include provisions for residential and commercial kennels, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

4. Other Business.

A. Parking and Storage Ordinance Amendments.

Wilson presented the staff memo regarding this item. Wilson stated that the Mayor had provided at statement that all major items, including the amendments to the parking ordinance, should be placed on hold until the newly elected members to the City Council were on-board.

Stevens questioned how the proposed amendments were brought forth to the Planning Commission.

Wilson stated that City staff had been having some issues in the field enforcing the ordinance, coupled with the request by a resident to allow for semi-tractors in residential districts. Wilson stated that the City Council had forwarded the item to the Planning Commission for study and discussion.

Stevens questioned if the City would violate any 60-day rules, if the discussion were postponed.

Wilson stated that the review is regarding a portion of the City Code, which is not tied to the 60-day requirement.

6. Discussion Items.

A. None.

Stevens stated that there were no discussion items.

7. Other Communications.

A. None.

Stevens stated that there were no other communication items. Stevens questioned if staff or the other commission members had anything further for the agenda.

Wilson stated that she did not have anything further for discussion.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Larson, second by Lind-Livingston to adjourn the November 13th, 2012 meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 11th day of December 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Wilson, AICP
Planning and Parks Director