

**CITY OF ISANTI  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 12, 2012**

**1. Meeting Opening.**

**A. Call to Order.**

Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Everyone rose for the pledge of allegiance.

**C. Roll Call.**

**Members Present:** David Englund, Sue Larson, Cindy Lind-Livingston, Steve Lundeen, and Christopher McDonald.

**Members Absent:** Sean Stevens (gave prior notice).

**Staff Present:** Lisa Wilson, Planning and Parks Director.

**D. Agenda Modifications.**

Wilson stated that there was a modification to the Agenda. Wilson stated that Mr. Stevens was unable to attend the meeting. Wilson stated that in his absence, the Vice Chair is responsible for running the meeting; however, the Vice Chair Mr. Strieff had been appointed to the City Council and is no longer eligible to be on the Planning Commission. Wilson stated that Mr. Lundeen has been assigned as the second Council member. Wilson stated that she is requesting nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

Larson stated that she would nominate Mr. Englund.

McDonald concurred.

Motion by Larson, second by McDonald to nominate Mr. Dave Englund as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

Wilson stated that Mr. Englund could continue to run the meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting.**

Englund stated that the next item was approval of the minutes from the May Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Larson, second by Lind-Livingston to approve the May 8, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

**3. Public Hearings.**

**A. Request from Lucille Ebeling for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a Residential Kennel Permit for the property located at 1100 Hillock Street NW.**

Wilson presented the staff memo and the conditions that had been recommended by the Planning Review Committee. Wilson stated that she had received two of the neighboring property

occupant response forms, both of which were in favor of the request. Wilson stated that she had received a verbal complaint against the request from a resident residing within the 350' notice area. Wilson stated that the resident was against the barking as well as the intimidating behavior that comes with dogs running up to a fence that abuts a walking trail.

Larson questioned the complaint.

Wilson stated that the homeowner had received an Interim Use Permit in the past for three large dogs to reside on the property. Wilson stated that the kennel or fenced area runs adjacent to a trail that is behind the residential lots on Hillock St NW. Wilson stated that those dogs used to run up to the fence and bark when people would walk passed the home. Wilson stated that the homeowner is now renting the property to the applicant, in which, the previous Interim Use Permit is considered to have expired and a new one must be issued. Wilson stated that the applicant would have three small dogs on the property, each of which weighs around 2 pounds.

Lind-Livingston questioned if the individual providing the complaint had done so in writing.

Wilson stated that staff had requested that the complaint be placed in writing; however, the individual did not wish to formalize the complaint in that manner. Wilson stated a brief written message was provided.

Englund opened the hearing at 7:08 p.m. Englund questioned if anyone was present to speak on the item. Englund stated that there was no public comment. Englund closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. Englund questioned if the Planning Commission had questions.

Larson stated that she did not feel it was a problem and the complaint appeared to be more aimed at the larger dogs that were on site. Larson stated that the dogs that would now be residing on the property are a drastic change.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to recommend approval of the Interim Use Permit for Lucille Ebelin to allow for a Residential Kennel on the property located at 1100 Hillock Street NW with staff's conditions based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusion as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Larson stated that City staff should make the applicant aware that they need to be present at the City Council meeting for the item. Larson stated that if they were not present, the Council may not act on the item.

Wilson stated that she had requested that the applicant be in attendance at the Planning Commission meeting. Wilson stated that she will make the same request for the upcoming Council meeting.

B. Request from Kenneth and Denise Welik-Peterson for an Interim Use Permit to allow for a Residential Kennel Permit for the property located at 306 Dogwood St.

Wilson presented the staff memo as well as the conditions recommended by City staff. Wilson stated that two neighboring property occupant response forms were submitted. Wilson stated that one was in favor of the request and the other was not in favor of the request. Wilson stated that the property owner that was not in favor commented on the constant barking from the

animals. Wilson stated that this individual also noted that they were unable to be out in there yard due to the dogs.

Englund opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Englund questioned if anyone was present to speak on the item. Englund requested that they approach the podium and give their name and address.

Mr. Robert and Mrs. Linda Evenson, 308 Dogwood St SW, stated that they lived right next door.

Larson questioned if she could elaborate on the sizes of the dogs.

Evenson stated that the dogs are not very large; small to medium sized animals. Evenson stated that they live directly next door. Evenson stated that they cannot be in any yard surrounding their home as the animals bark constantly. Evenson stated that they bark inside or outside of the home, as the dogs will be up in the windows watching. Evenson stated that the dogs have the screens torn out. Evenson stated that they had built a deck last summer; and had to put a privacy panel up, so that the dogs do not see them and they will not bark quite so much. Evenson stated that if they are outside the dogs are barking and howling. Evenson stated that they had talked to the homeowners when they had two dogs because it was an issue then. Evenson stated that they cannot have company over and it is impossible to be outside. Evenson stated that there are big clumps of hair floating all over the neighborhood. Evenson stated that the yards are small; and there is a holding pond in the rear yard. Evenson stated that when the owners are gone during the day, the dogs just sit in the windows and bark. Evenson stated that she did not want to get the police involved.

Jake Orsund, 304 Dogwood St SW, stated that the dogs are a nuisance to him as well. Orsund stated that the garages are next to each other and his kennel is on the same said as the applicant's. Orsund stated that whenever his dogs are outside, then their dogs are at the door barking. Orsund stated that since the kennel license request, it appears that the owners are making an effort. Orsund stated that previously there had been no effort to resolve the situations. Orsund stated that he has had renters that have moved out because of the noise. Orsund stated that it is a nuisance. Orsund stated that he had tried to talk to Ken about the problem before, but he appeared to ignore him. Orsund stated that he has not complained to the police about the situation either, as they have better things to do.

Lind-Livingston questioned if there were concerns that they are trying now because of the kennel license, but once issued the license they would stop trying.

Orsund stated that was what he thought.

Denise Wellik-Peterson, 306 Dogwood St SW, stated that they have been hearing their comments. Wellik-Peterson stated that they have hired a trainer to help them with the problem. Wellik-Peterson stated that they can admit they are not great dog trainers. Wellik-Peterson stated that is why they have the trainer coming in to help them; and if more needs to be done, the trainer will be returning. Wellik-Peterson stated that the dog hair instance was once when they first moved in and they did address the issue. Wellik-Peterson stated that when her daughters are home in the summer, the barking cannot be helped if the neighbors are standing along the property shaking their fists at the front window. Wellik-Peterson stated that if they are antagonizing the dogs then nothing can be done. Wellik-Peterson stated that they have shut the

windows and the blinds to help. Wellik-Peterson stated that they did notice when Bob is out mowing the lawn, the dogs do not bark at him. Wellik-Peterson stated that on Jake's side, they have been working on having the garage door closed, so the dogs could not run out their first without them. Wellik-Peterson stated that they do leave for work early, but they are working on that too. Wellik-Peterson stated that she thought Jake had agreed that the dogs were getting better since they have started to work with the trainer.

Lind-Livingston questioned if they will go outside without barking.

Wellik-Peterson stated yes.

Lind-Livingston questioned if there was a fence in the yard.

Wellik-Peterson stated that it is just on Jake's side, the 304 side. Wellik-Peterson stated that they putting a fence in the rear yard this summer as well as a privacy fence along the 308 side.

Lind-Livingston again questioned if they will go outside without barking.

Wellik-Peterson stated yes.

Evenson stated that the only way they will do that is if the owner is outside with them.

Wellik-Peterson stated that if the dogs are outside, they are with them.

Evenson stated that if the girls are outside with them, they don't bark. Evenson stated that if they go to get the mail, one foot off the step, then they start barking. Evenson stated that even if she is working in the flower beds, they are just barking. Evenson stated that she is not trying to antagonize them, but is yelling at them to shut up.

Wellik-Peterson questioned if they would be willing to work with the trainer and the dogs the next time that individual returns.

Robert Evenson stated that he had questioned if he could pet the dogs and get to know them. Mr. Evenson stated that when he went to reach his hand down to pet the dog, it about took his hand off. Mr. Evenson stated that he had asked Ken; and Ken's response was that he could try.

Doug Anderson, 30 Buckskin Blvd SE, questioned if the owner had tried bark collars.

Wellik-Peterson stated that they had, but they do not work.

Larson questioned why the applicant had decided to get a third dog.

Wellik-Peterson stated that they very much like our dogs and are good dogs.

Mrs. Evenson questioned who was taking care of the dogs all day. Mrs. Evenson stated that if no one is home, then how do you enjoy those dogs.

Wellik-Peterson stated that her husband is home by noon most days.

Mrs. Evenson stated that the girls must be taking care of the dogs to help keep them quiet lately. Mrs. Evenson stated that when Ken gets home, then the girls leave. Mrs. Evenson questioned if this was like a doggie daycare.

McDonald questioned the options. McDonald stated that he has been involved with the training of dogs for a number of years. McDonald stated that barking is typically a sign of boredom at first and then becomes a habit. McDonald stated that a trainer may or may not be able to help the situation. McDonald questioned if the item could be tabled for a moment and see if things have changed. McDonald questioned what could be done at this point.

Wilson stated that one of the conditions of the approval will be that that applicant can meet City Code requirements for barking. Wilson stated that the applicant is already, given what is being said, in violation of that condition. Wilson stated that if the permit is issued and there are a lot of complaints; then the City Council can revoke the permit in the future. Wilson stated that the Planning Commission could also make findings to deny the permit based upon the issues received. Wilson stated that tabling the item is not necessary, as a time limit can be enforced.

Lind-Livingston questioned if they have seen improvements with the dogs since the trainer was hired.

Wellik-Peterson stated yes. Wellik-Peterson stated that the trainer can come back and work with the dogs in the future if need be.

Orsund questioned how long they have lived there.

Wellik-Peterson stated that they have lived there for three years.

Orsund questioned why they have started this process now.

Wellik-Peterson stated that they have been hearing the complaints. Wellik-Peterson stated that they do not know what else to do.

Orsund stated that it just seems like they are doing it now because they want the kennel license.

Wellik-Peterson stated that they are at a point in their careers where they can afford to have this person come and help; and they can afford to have the trainer continue to come out to help with the dogs.

Mrs. Evenson questioned why they are getting the kennel license now because they have had the third dog for over a year.

Wellik-Peterson stated that they did not need to license the third dog until it was over 6 months old.

Mrs. Evenson stated that she had questioned Ken about what they would do if they do not receive the kennel license. Mrs. Evenson stated that Ken indicated that they had no intention of getting rid of a dog, if the license is not issued. Mrs. Evenson questioned why we were there if there would still be three dogs.

Mr. Evenson stated that the dogs are the worst when the applicant is not home.

Mrs. Evenson stated that they were not mean and evil people, but the barking was grating on their nerves.

Englund questioned if there were any other comments.

Lundeen stated that he has two dogs and the Urban's have two dogs at the hardware store with them; and they all have a Dazer II. Lundeen stated that it is to hinder the dogs from barking. Lundeen stated that it has a high pitched sound that we cannot hear. Lundeen stated that if you press the button, the noise irritates them; and they do not bark. Lundeen stated that it is not a collar. Lundeen stated that he does not want to say that you can't have your dogs, but he has to listen to the neighbor's concerns as well. Lundeen stated that a happy medium needs to be reached. Lundeen stated that you have to live by your neighbors; and it is not pleasant to know that when you come home, people are upset with you. Lundeen stated that maybe a term needs to be applied. Lundeen stated that the permit is conditional and if the problem is not solved by a certain time then the permit is not issued.

McDonald stated that it could be tabled.

Wilson stated that you do not need to necessarily table the Interim Use Permit. Wilson stated that the nice thing about the Interim Use Permit is that it is for a temporary use and the City is allowed to establish conditions that would trigger a second review at a certain time.

Lundeen questioned if that was agreeable to all parties.

Mrs. Evenson questioned that if the kennel permit is not issued, does the applicant have to get rid of one of the dogs.

Lundeen stated that with the City rules that would be the case.

Mrs. Evenson stated that would be a great motivator to get the dogs under control. Mrs. Evenson stated that she has only seen the trainer there once; and maybe the trainer has been there more often.

McDonald stated that over a period of time, you would begin to see the training start to take effect.

Lundeen stated that it is not going to end completely; a dog is going to bark. Lundeen stated that even with kids; kids are kids and they are going to make noise.

Mr. Evenson stated that they have neighbors on the street that have larger dogs and they did not even know that the dogs were living on the property.

Lundeen stated that a third dog is not going to make a difference because they are all going to bark anyway. Lundeen stated that even humans have bad habits that we do without even thinking about it. Lundeen stated that the dogs are going to be the same way. Lundeen stated that if you train a dog and do not give them an option, they are going to learn.

McDonald stated that an Eskimo dog requires a lot of exercise. McDonald stated that genetically they need to be active; so when they are bored, they bark.

Mr. Evenson stated that Ken had mentioned that they plan on putting up more fencing, so the dogs can be outside more often, so that is a concern.

Mrs. Evenson stated that when the owners are gone, they bark at everything.

Lundeen stated that sounds like an attention thing.

McDonald questioned if the dogs are kenneled or are they free to move around.

Wellik-Peterson stated that they are in the upper level of the home.

McDonald questioned if they were out.

Wellik-Peterson stated yes.

Larson stated that as a Council person sitting on the Planning Commission, she would like to see the trainer be in attendance at the Council meeting, regardless of what recommendation the group moves forward with. Larson stated that she would like to hear what the trainer has to say about the dogs.

Lundeen stated that he would like to see that as well. Lundeen stated that he is not saying that they are granting anything. Lundeen stated that he would like to see a plan of action for this issue. Lundeen stated that dogs barking can be annoying. Lundeen stated that it is a concern and is a concern from immediate neighbors. Lundeen gave them credit for showing up to discuss this item with the applicant and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Evenson questioned if he could get to know the dogs a bit better would this help to eliminate the problem.

McDonald stated that would depend upon why the dogs are barking. McDonald stated that if they are barking at him, it may help; but if they are barking because they are bored, this may not alleviate the problem.

Mrs. Evenson stated that there were some others that were going to attend, but they obviously could not attend because they are not present.

Lind-Livingston questioned what would be a reasonable amount of time to train three dogs.

McDonald stated that 90 days would be a good length of time. McDonald stated that within that time period, you should be able to start to notice whether or not the training is working.

Mrs. Evenson questioned if there is no one home; then how do they plan to work with them. Mrs. Evenson stated that the applicant's husband is always busy; and he does not walk or spend as much time with the dogs as Mrs. Wellik-Peterson or her daughter's do.

Lundeen stated that if they want to keep their dogs then they are going to have to make working with the dogs a priority. Lundeen stated that they are trying to give them the opportunity to keep their dogs. Lundeen stated that he is a dog lover and he does not personally have issue with three dogs. Lundeen stated that they have not had the police calls, but that could come in the future. Lundeen stated that if they want this other dog, then we need to buckle down and work with the dogs. Lundeen stated that when you live in town, there are rules and regulations that you have to live by. Lundeen stated that he was in favor of recommending that a 90-day review period be added as a condition.

Englund closed the hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to recommend that the Interim Use Permit be granted for 90-days and be reviewed at that point to see if the issues can be corrected. Motion was unanimously approved.

C. Request from Bank Site Investment LLC for Final Plat Approval for Bank Site Third Addition and Site Plan/Building Appearance Review to allow for new commercial development.

Wilson presented the staff memo and the conditions that had been recommended by City staff.

Englund opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. Englund questioned if anyone was present to discuss this item. Englund requested that the individual enter his name into the record.

Mr. Troy Hoekstra, United Development Solutions LLC, stated that he has been working on the project for about 4 months. Hoekstra stated that some of the issues that were brought up were new to him. Hoekstra stated that some of the discrepancies in the plans have been due to the various types of brands that were being looked at. Hoekstra stated that the one that has been provided at this point has about 51% of the vote. Hoekstra stated that this will be either a Grand Stay or a Days Inn and Suites.

Hoekstra stated that they are going to be constructing a larger pool than what is typically seen. Hoekstra stated that the reason for this is because many small communities do not have a public pool and this will allow partnerships with the community, Monday through Thursday from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. in which the community may be able to use the pool. Hoekstra stated that there were no issues with any of the bike parking and the lighting plan is being worked on now. Hoekstra stated that 90% of the plans will be completed by the end of the month. Hoekstra stated that in certain circumstances, they would submit drawings at the rate in which they were needed to construct the hotel. Hoekstra stated that if there are other questions, he would be able to answer those now.

Larson questioned if Mr. Hoekstra saw any red flags with the conditions that City staff had requested in the presentation.

Hoekstra stated that he did not. Hoekstra stated that every city has different requirements. Hoekstra stated that what has been requested is pretty standard. Hoekstra stated that cities want greenscape and have things that are aesthetically pleasing. Hoekstra stated that vast parking areas are a thing of the past. Hoekstra stated that none of the conditions would appear to be a deal killer.



Larson stated that when that area was platted with the gas line easement, there were concerns as to how that would affect this lot. Larson stated that the proposal appears to fit very well.

Hoekstra stated that comes down to the size of the property and the town. Hoekstra stated that if the city were larger, it would be a 150 room hotel that would not go there. Hoekstra stated that the size of the hotel does work on this property.

Larson stated that the larger pool does allow for therapy or other medical type things. Larson stated that is needed in the community.

Hoekstra stated that they have not gotten that far in the marketing, but in another project, they had partnered with a medical facility that will be offering those kinds of programs. Hoekstra stated that a pool party is a revenue generator these days.

McDonald questioned if the brand choice will make changes to the property.

Hoekstra stated that every hotel thinks that they have the market cornered on genius. Hoekstra stated that the difference is in how they capture your fees. Hoekstra stated that the brands that we are looking at have more advantageous franchise agreements. Hoekstra stated that the hotel needs to be well run and have the amenities that the big guy has. Hoekstra stated that there are tiers in hotels, which he will not name. Hoekstra stated that they are looking for new build construction quality that matches a Holiday Inn Express or Hampton Inn.

McDonald questioned if there were any future expansion discussions.

Hoekstra stated that 33 units are pretty standard. Hoekstra stated that you cannot get much smaller than that because the inefficiencies are outstanding. Hoekstra stated that he had done an identical project in another community. Hoekstra stated that when he was networked with Mr. Johnson, he indicated that he had these plans, which would need to be tweaked and then a brand would need to be selected.

Lind-Livingston questioned if this would generate any jobs.

Hoekstra stated that it would generate around 6 full-time and an equal amount in part-time positions. Hoekstra stated that it depends upon how successful the project is. Hoekstra stated that if it has 70% occupancy, then additional employees will be necessary.

Lind-Livingston questioned if they hire locally.

Hoekstra stated that they always hire locally. Hoekstra stated that they try to hire contractor's locally and hire local people, as those projects and their occupancy rates tend to be higher. Hoekstra stated that local people take pride in the project and make a referral. Hoekstra stated that local is something that you will see in the project; and that is not a pitch, it is just good business.

Englund questioned if there were any other questions. Englund closed the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to recommend approval of the Final Plat for Bank Site Third Addition and Site Plan/Building Appearance Review to allow for a 33-unit hotel with pool to be construction with the conditions as provided by City staff and based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusion as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

D. Request from the City of Isanti to Amend Ordinance No. 445, Section 21 Administration and Enforcement, Article 2 Conditional Use Permits.

Wilson outlined the staff memo and the amendment that has been proposed.

Englund opened the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. Englund questioned if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak on the item. Englund stated that there was none. Englund closed the hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Englund questioned what the Planning Commission would like to do with the Amendment.

Motion by Larson, second by McDonald to recommend approval of the Amendment to Ordinance No. 445, Section 21 Administration and Enforcement, Article 2 Conditional Use Permits, Subdivision 6 Revocation and Subdivision 7 Expiration based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusion as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

**4. Other Business.**

A. An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 254 and Adopting an Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision and Platting of Lands for the City of Isanti.

Wilson presented the staff memo. Wilson stated that if the Planning Commission is comfortable with the proposed Ordinance, City staff would request that a public hearing on the item be called. Wilson stated that the public hearing would be scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Motion by Larson, second by Lind-Livingston to call for a public hearing for the July 10<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission to review an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 254 and to Adopt an Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision and Platting of Lands for the City of Isanti. Motion was unanimously approved.

B. Review of Chapter 227 Parking and Storage of the Isanti City Code.

Wilson outlined the staff memo and presented the issues that had been raised regarding this portion of the City Code. Wilson stated that City staff was looking for comments and direction from the Planning Commission regarding this item. Wilson stated that the resident that had started this discussion is present.

Doug Anderson, 30 Buckskin Blvd SE, stated that he has lived and parked trucks there since 1999. Anderson stated that he did not receive a citation, but had received a letter requesting that he remove the vehicle. Anderson stated that he did come before the City Council. Anderson stated that the specifics surrounding the parking of trucks had not been discussed. Anderson stated that he is in favor of restrictions regarding setbacks from right-of-ways. Anderson stated that he is willing to participate in discussions to see if there are standards that can be established to allow for these vehicles.

Anderson stated that he has 1.82 acres on Buckskin Blvd. Anderson stated that he could fit 4 tractors in his yard. Anderson stated that he would never come in with a full trailer. Anderson

stated that he did park the trailer on the property, but he no longer does so. Anderson stated that he does need to have the vehicle plugged in.

Lind-Livingston questioned if he still parked the trailer there.

Anderson stated that he used to, but does not now.

Lind-Livingston questioned how many vehicles like this are parked around town. Lind-Livingston stated that her neighbor used to park his tractor in the driveway and most times she did not know that it was even there.

Anderson stated that he knew of about 4 tractor drivers. Anderson stated that one driver is parking near the grocery store. Anderson stated that he has spoken to two other drivers and they would like to help with this issue. Anderson stated that it is quite an expense to park the vehicle somewhere else.

Lind-Livingston stated that then you have to worry about vandalism also.

McDonald stated there are a few different things to look at, particularly noise. McDonald stated that he is not sure that some of the tractors would be any different than the Harley across the street. McDonald stated that there is then the trailer issue. McDonald stated that you have to worry about what may be in the trailer and whether or not it is harmful to the neighborhood.

Larson stated that he has some pictures with of his yard. Larson stated that in the first picture she could not even see the semi.

Lundeen questioned if there have been other letters or citations issued on this matter.

Wilson stated that a citation was issued to a property on Flintwood, as we had received complaints. Wilson stated that three or four additional tractors have been found on other properties throughout the city.

McDonald questioned the Interim Use Permit. McDonald stated that this would allow the neighbors to weigh in on the parking of these vehicles.

Englund stated that was how this started, as the City was receiving complaints against these vehicles starting up in residential neighborhoods.

Larson stated that they were actually parking on city streets.

Anderson stated that he could see how parking on the street would be an issue.

Lundeen stated that he did not want to see these parked on every City street, but at the same time, he does not want to tell someone that they cannot have a job and live in Isanti. Lundeen stated that he is not in favor of any trailers. Lundeen stated that the examples provided are not the same as his tractor. Lundeen stated that he is not in favor of any truck that may have hazardous wastes or materials. Lundeen stated that he was not in favor of a truck with a roll-off container as well.

Larson stated that people can order a roll-off and have it in their yard.

Lundeen stated that if someone is cleaning their house out, that is different.

Englund stated that it could cause the same problem. Englund stated that these guys have been doing what they need to do with their trailers. Englund stated that the group needs to look at the entire ordinance and fix it. Englund stated that there are issues that were noted that have not been addressed. Englund questioned if Mr. Anderson would be available for future discussions. Englund questioned if Mr. Anderson could get a copy of the Ordinance.

Wilson stated that she has been sending him items.

Larson stated that if Mr. Anderson has individuals that may be able to assist, if they could come to the next meeting for the discussion that would be beneficial.

Lind-Livingston stated that she noticed in the pictures that Mr. Anderson does not have a neighbor. Lind-Livingston stated that on a larger lot, it would be easier to park these vehicles. Lind-Livingston questioned the smaller lots in other parts of the City.

McDonald stated that he is not sure that a truck is any quieter than the motorcycle that starts at 11:00 at night.

Anderson stated that some guys have dual stacks and no mufflers and they get loud. Anderson stated that on the smaller lots, if you have a shorter driveway, it can be difficult to see behind you when backing out. Anderson stated that he did not want to be selfish about this; as he understands the plight of the other drivers. Anderson stated that if the tractor is 32 feet long and the driveway is 28 feet long; it just doesn't work. Anderson questioned if a concrete slab would be an option.

Lind-Livingston questioned if the tractor is on grass.

Lundeen stated that he had built a reinforced driveway for the tractor.

Anderson stated that he had planned to build a big shed. Anderson stated that he will probably be talking to them again about allowing a second accessory structure.

Larson stated that the Mayor also requested that the Commission keep in mind the wear and tear on City streets.

Lundeen stated that these probably aren't any different than the garbage truck.

Englund stated that we need to look at the big picture.

Anderson stated that he can bring in status of different weights of vehicles, etc.

Wilson had requested that the information be e-mailed to her for the next discussion.

Anderson stated that he could do so.

Englund questioned if they could get copies of the current ordinance prior to the next meeting.

Wilson stated that the ordinance has been attached to the staff memo.

Lundeen stated that the Mayor had requested that this be addressed sooner rather than later, so that the CSO is not hanging out there with questions regarding enforcement.

Larson requested that City staff take a look at other cities' ordinances that are similar in size and location.

Lundeen agreed that this may be helpful. Lundeen stated that Princeton, St. Francis, etc. be looked at too.

Lind-Livingston questioned some of the provisions in the Ordinance.

Wilson stated that City staff is aware that the Ordinance needs some revisions and those will be corrected at the same time as the other items.

Lind-Livingston questioned if we could use an Interim Use Permit for the semi-trucks.

Wilson stated that the City would need to amend the zoning ordinance as well because currently the zoning ordinance does not address these regulations.

Lundeen stated that this would grant people permission to do so, as long as the neighbors are okay with you parking the truck there. Lundeen stated that may be something that we could look at.

Wilson stated that City staff is running into problems with the fee and process for kennel permits; and this raises a red flag for City staff because we would be doing the same thing for this item.

Larson stated that this may raise some heated discussions on recreational vehicles as well.

Lundeen stated that if they want to park the camper in the driveway, then he did not care. Lundeen stated that when they park in the street, then it becomes an issue. Lundeen stated that he had a situation with a neighbor near his property parking on the street.

Larson stated that there are some people that have issues with where these vehicles are allowed to be parked on their lots.

Lundeen stated that he was in favor of setbacks from the streets.

Larson stated that we are going to need to look at the whole ordinance.

Lundeen stated that he thinks that Commission is heading in a positive direction by looking at this item. Lundeen stated that the sooner it can be completed, the better. Lundeen stated that we want to be the City that has something here for people and the City that is willing to work with its residents. Lundeen stated that this is not Edina or Eagan; and we cannot keep residents in this

town, if we enact ordinance that makes them want to leave. Lundeen stated that we do need regulations to keep things in check.

**5. Discussion Items.**

A. None.

**6. Other Communications.**

A. None.

**7. Adjournment**

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to adjourn the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa M. Wilson, AICP  
Planning and Parks Director