



Planning and Zoning Commission

CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Regular Session of the Planning and Zoning Commission

City of Wells, Minnesota

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Wells, Minnesota convened in regular session on May 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Wells Community Center. President Carol Aske called the meeting to order with the following members present: Commissioner Steve Nowak, Commissioner Ashley Seedorf. Employees present: Community Development Director Austin Bleess.

Fire Chief Mike Pyzick was present to discuss item 5d, the burned down house. Chief Pyzick discussed ways that the city can work to get burned down houses in the future. Director Bleess informed the Commissioners that he was working on a Fire Escrow Account resolution for the City Council. Discussion held.

Commissioner Crystal Dulas entered the meeting.

Commissioner Nowak motioned to recommend the City Council set up a Fire Escrow Account to withhold a reasonable amount of money for clean up of burned down houses in accordance with state law. Commissioner Dulas seconded the motion. President Aske called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Nowak, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Seedorf motioned that the Planning and Zoning Commission declare the property at 501 1st Ave SW a hazard and to start the process to clean up the home. Commissioner Dulas seconded. Discussion held. President Aske called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Nowak, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on April 1, 2010 were reviewed. Commissioner Dulas motioned to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Commissioner Seedorf. President Aske called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Nowak, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

The minutes of the special Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on April 8, 2010 were reviewed. Commissioner Seedorf motioned to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Commissioner Dulas. President Aske called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Nowak, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

The Financial Report was reviewed. Commissioner Nowak motioned to approve the Financial Report while changing the date to April instead of March. Commissioner Seedorf seconded. President Aske called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Nowak, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Chapter 151 of the Planning and Zoning Code was reviewed. Discussion held. Director Bleess informed the Commission this discussion was simply to propose changes and this is not to accept any changes. Commissioner Dulas motioned to propose the changes that were discussed with a second from Commissioner Seedorf. President Aske called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Nowak, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

President Aske brought the issue of the violation letters sent out to the table. Discussion held.

President Aske brought the issue of the shrubs along 6th St SW to the table. Director Bleess explained he has received complaints about these bushes. The City Ordinance and State Statutes were reviewed. Commissioner Nowak motioned to have it be the ruling of the Wells Planning and Zoning Commission that these shrubs do not violate any of the Wells City Ordinances. Commissioner Dulas seconded. President Aske called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Nowak, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Seedorf said she would ask the City Attorney at the next regular City Council meeting on whether or not city staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission need to continue to respond to complaints between neighbors on issues that cannot be resolved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

President Aske brought the issue of the Wildcats Patio to the table. Director Bleess explained he had received complaints about the patio to the board. The City Ordinance was reviewed. Commissioner Dulas motioned to have it be the ruling of the Wells Planning and Zoning Commission that this patio does not violate any of the Wells City Ordinances. Commissioner Seedorf seconded. President Aske called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Nowak, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Aske opened the meeting to public comment. No one from the public wished to comment. President Aske closed the meeting to public comment.

The next regular meeting of the Wells Planning and Zoning Commission was set for Wednesday, June 23rd at 5:00 pm in Wells City Hall.

Motion by Commissioner Dulas, seconded by Commissioner Seedorf, to adjourn the meeting. President Aske called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Nowak, and Seedorf voting yea. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted;

Austin Bleess
Community Development Director