



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Regular Session of Planning & Zoning Commission City of Wells

The Planning & Zoning Commission of Wells, Minnesota convened in regular session on April 2, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells City Hall, Conference Room. President Steve Nowak called the meeting to order with the following members present: Zoning Administrator/Vice President Larry Majeski, Commissioner Carol Aske and Commissioner Ashley Seedorf. Commissioner Crystal Dulas arrived with the meeting in progress. Also present was City Administrator Jeremy Germann.

AGENDA:

The agenda for the April 2, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting was reviewed with President Aske making a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Majeski seconded the motion. President Nowak called for a vote with Aske, Majeski and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the February 6, 2012 annual meeting were reviewed with Commissioner Majeski making a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Aske seconded the motion. President Nowak called for a vote with Aske, Majeski and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 6, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting were reviewed with Commissioner Aske making a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Seedorf seconded the motion. President Nowak called for a vote with Aske, Majeski and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 22, 2012 special meeting were reviewed with Commissioner Seedorf making a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Majeski seconded the motion. President Nowak called for a vote with Aske, Majeski and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dulas arrived.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Nowak brought the topic of Conditional Use Permit to the table. The board reviewed the conditional use permit passed by the Wells City Council on February 27, 2012 by Resolution 2012-04. Discussion held on defining the term low-impact business in the city code of ordinances. With no information to act on, the commission moved to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Nowak brought the topic of Home Business License Application to the table. The board reviewed from a home owner at 590 West Franklin Street. Commissioner Seedorf made a motion to approve the application with a second from Commissioner Aske. Discussion held. President Nowak called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Majeski and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

President Nowak brought the topic of Wind Energy to the table. Discussion held on adopting an ordinance to place building standards on private wind turbines built within city limits. Commissioner Dulas moved to table discussion until the June 4, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Seedorf seconded the motion. President Nowak called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Majeski and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

President Nowak brought the topic of Minimum Standards to the table. Discussion held on creating a list of minimum standards that are not overly burdensome to low-income families. Commissioner Dulas moved to table discussion until the June 4, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Majeski seconded the motion. President Nowak called for a vote with Aske, Dulas, Majeski and Seedorf voting yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dulas invited the Planning & Zoning Board to attend a Statewide Health Initiative Program (SHIP) meeting on May 2, 2012 to discuss enhancing transportation within city limits for pedestrians, bikers and vehicles alike.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anthony Mosser discussed a neighboring property that he believed should be brought up to city code. Discussion held by the board on possible violations. It was the consensus of the board to see if City Attorney David Frundt would attend the next meeting to discuss options to bring the property owner into compliance.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Zoning Commission meeting was set for Monday, June 4, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Wells City Hall, Conference Room. Motion made by Commissioner Dulas to adjourn the meeting with a second from Commissioner Seedorf. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary Crystal Dulas

Administrator Jeremy R. Germann