

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
APRIL 4th 2023

The Planning Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on April 4th, 2023 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the Sustainability Coordinator, the following members were present: Greg Husmann, Dave Coleman, Ryan Stotts, Dave Hanifil, Chris Langen, Mike Welch, and Jerry Steffes. City Sustainability Coordinator, Jason Ludwigson and Community Development Director Larry Kirch were also present. City Council representative Cherryl Jostad was present.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4. Approval of January 10th 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chris Langen made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 4th meeting. Dave Coleman seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the Sustainability Coordinator, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Greg Husmann	Yes
Ryan Stotts	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes
Dave Coleman	Yes
Dave Hanifil	Yes
Mike Wlech	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

Item 5. Review Draft Beekeeping Ordinance

Jason Ludwigson reviewed the draft beekeeping ordinances. Comments by members included adding the word honeybees in the title of the ordinance, inspections, penalty provision, and a fee/permit for registering a hive(s). Discussion followed. No action was taken by the planning commission.

Item 6. Review Chicken Ordinance

Comments by members included the number of chickens, setback distances, smell from chicken wastes and a fee/permit for registering chickens. Discussion followed. No action was taken by the planning commission.

Item 7. Walnut Street Planning Project

Larry Kirch noted the project received local studies funding from the La Crosse Area Planning Commission. The funds were provided for a corridor planning study. Larry explained the timeline for walking and reviewing the corridor Wednesday April 5th. Larry reviewed the scope and overall timeline for the project. Larry noted he will bring back updates on the project to the Planning Commission. Mike Welch is also on the city's Economic Development Commission and the EDC is the "planning committee" for the project. Discussion followed. No action was taken by the planning commission.

Item 8. Review Draft Ordinance Adopting New City Code Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Grounds

Comments by members included discussion of the reservation process for city parks. Discussion followed. No action was taken by the planning commission.

Item 9. Updates from the city council by Cheryl Jostad

Cheryl provided an update on city council actions that would be relevant to the planning commission.

Members agreed to the next Planning Commission meeting date of May 2nd, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting duly adjourned at 6:56 PM.