

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 1ST, 2022

The Planning Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on November 1st, 2022 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, Mike Welch, Dave Coleman, and Jerry Steffes. City Sustainability Coordinator, Jason Ludwigson, Economic Development Director, Larry Kirch, and City Attorney Skip Wieser. Dave Hanifil arrived at 5:35 p.m. Member Ryan Stotts was absent. City Council representative Cherryl Jostad was absent.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4. Approval of September 6th 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mike Welch made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 6th 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
Mike Welch	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes
Dave Coleman	Yes
Dave Hanifil	Yes

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

Item 5. Public Hearing for Preliminary Plat and Zoning Change 1786 County Highway 6

At 5:35 Chair Husmann opened the public hearing for the re-zoning and preliminary plat at 1786 County Highway 6. Jason Ludwigson and Attorney Weiser provided an overview of the preliminary plat. The property was purchased with the intent to be redeveloped. The public notice and plat were sent to the Houston County engineer. Chair Husmann closed the public hearing at 5:39. No members of the public addressed the commission. Discussion by the commission followed.

Dave Coleman made a motion to recommend rezoning from agricultural status to R-2. Dave Hanifil 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
Mike Welch	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes
Dave Coleman	Yes
Dave Hanifl	Yes

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

Mike Welch made a motion to recommend approval of the preliminary plat with the conditions outlined in the October 28th letter from WHKS. 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
Mike Welch	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes
Dave Coleman	Yes
Dave Hanifl	Yes

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

Item 6. Public Hearing on Text Amendments for Short Term Rentals

At 5:50 Chair Husmann opened the public hearing for text amendments for short-term rentals. Attorney Wieser noted that the City of La Crescent currently does not have any regulation regarding short-term rentals. The city could require properties renting for less than 30 days to get a license from the city. Obtaining the license for short-term rentals would require meeting the conditions as outlined in the draft short-term rental ordinance. Public comments were received by Vonnie and Mark Levenik related to the Regular Planning Commission Meeting - November 1st, 2022

draft ordinance for short-term rentals. Chair Husmann closed the public hearing at 6:14. Discussion by the commission followed.

Jerry Steffes made a motion to table the text amendments to the short-term rental ordinance with the request that more information be gathered. 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
Mike Welch	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes
Dave Coleman	Yes
Dave Hanifl	Yes

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

Item 7. Public Hearing on Electric Vehicle Ordinance

At 6:15 Chair Husmann opened the public hearing for the electric vehicle ordinance. No members of the public addressed the commission. Chair Husmann closed the public hearing at 6:16. Jason Ludwigson provided an overview of the changes to the draft ordinance as requested by the planning commission. Discussion by the commission followed.

Dave Hanifil made a motion to recommend the ordinance including option A in the table provided. 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
Mike Welch	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Dave Coleman	Yes
Dave Hanifl	Yes

Item 8. Review Draft Ordinance Regulating Mobile Food Units

Attorney Wieser reviewed a draft ordinance regulating mobile food units. Discussion by the commission followed. Chair Husmann suggested that the city council provide some direction on this topic.

Jerry Steffes made a motion to table the discussion of an ordinance regulating mobile food units to a future meeting. Mike Welch 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
Mike Welch	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Dave Coleman	Yes
Dave Hanifl	Yes

Item 9. Information item Xcel Public Utilities Commission filing for a public charging network, an electric school bus pilot, and program modifications

Jason Ludwigson provided an overview of the electric vehicle filing with the Public Utilities Commission by the states largest public owned utility. Item was informational only.

Members agreed to the next Planning Commission meeting date of December 6th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting duly adjourned at 7:16 PM.