

TO: Planning Commission Members
Honorable Mayor and City Council members
FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: August 2nd, 2022
RE: Meeting Minutes from August 2nd, 2022

The Planning Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The following members were present: Ryan Stotts, Mike Welch, Dave Hanifl, Dave Coleman, and Jerry Steffes. City Sustainability Coordinator, Jason Ludwigson, Economic Development Director, Larry Kirch, and City Council member Cherryl Jostad. Greg Husmann was absent.

1. The meeting was started by electing a temporary chair. Mike Welch made a motion to nominate Dave Hanifl as temporary chair. Motion was seconded by Dave Coleman.

Upon a roll call vote, taken and tallied by the Sustainability Coordinator, all members present voted in favor appointing Dave Hanifl as temporary chair.

Stotts – Yes

Steffes – Yes

Coleman – Yes

Hanifl – Yes

Welch – Yes

2. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Mike Welch made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 5th, 2022 meeting. Motion was seconded by Dave Coleman.

Upon a roll call vote, taken and tallied by the Sustainability Coordinator, all members present voted in favor accepting the minutes.

Stotts – Yes

Steffes – Yes

Coleman – Yes

Hanifl – Yes

Welch – Yes

3. The Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance for the regulation of electric vehicles. Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson reviewed the memo included in the packet where he outlined the connections the electric vehicle ordinance has with the Comprehensive Plan, Partners in Energy Plan, and the best practices from the Minnesota Green Step cities program. Chair Stoecklein opened the meeting. He reviewed the list of cities both smaller and larger in population than La Crescent who have adopted electric vehicle ordinances. The Planning Commission discussed the options for including conduit in the ordinance and electrical code requirements for new garage bays.

Jerry Steffes made a motion to table the discussion of the electric vehicle ordinance until the September meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Ryan Stotts.

Upon a roll call vote, taken and tallied by the Sustainability Coordinator, all members present voted in favor of tabling the electric vehicle ordinance review.

Stotts – Yes

Steffes – Yes

Coleman – Yes

Hanifl – Yes

Welch – Yes

4. The Planning Commission reviewed the draft Park and Recreation plan for La Crescent. Members of the public were in attendance and addressed the Planning Commission with comments and concerns about the plan. Those comments included questions about future ordinances to protect park spaces,

shared use trails, future trail connections, and signage in the parks. Sustainability Coordinator Jason Ludwigson noted public input sessions that were held as the Park and Recreation plan was being developed. Planning Commission members discussed the adoption process for the plan and asked about a joint meeting with the city council to review the plan.

Jerry Setffes made a motion to table the discussion of the Park and Recreation plan until the September meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Ryan Stotts.

Upon a roll call vote, taken and tallied by the Sustainability Coordinator, all members present voted in favor of tabling the discussion of the Park and Recreation plan until the September meeting of the Planning Commission.

Stotts – Yes

Steffes – Yes

Coleman – Yes

Hanifl – Yes

Welch – Yes

5. The Planning Commission reviewed the Downtown Plan and action planning section of the Comprehensive Plan.

Jerry Setffes made a motion to table the discussion of the Downtown Plan and action planning section of the Comprehensive Plan until the September meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Ryan Stotts.

Upon a roll call vote, taken and tallied by the Sustainability Coordinator, all members present voted in favor of tabling the Downtown Plan and action planning section of the Comprehensive Plan. until the September meeting of the Planning Commission.

Stotts – Yes

Steffes – Yes

Coleman – Yes

Hanifl – Yes

Welch – Yes

6. Cherryl Jostad provided an update from the most recent City Council meeting. The update included information about the installation of the bike and pedestrian bridge span, ribbon cutting for the bike and pedestrian bridge, the sale of the house next to the fire station, and future public meetings for the Park and Recreation plan.

7. Jerry Steffes asked that future August meetings of the Planning Commission avoid being held the same night as Neighbors Night Out".

8. Motion to adjourn was made by Greg Husmann and seconded by Michael Welch. Members voted in unanimous consent to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.