

## **Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 12, 2015 - 6:12 p.m.**

**Public Safety Building, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 321 S. Fourth Street, Stoughton, WI.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Donna Olson, Chair; Ron Christianson, Vice-Chair; Greg Jenson; Matt Hanna; Todd Krcma and Scott Truehl

**Absent and Excused:** Eric Hohol

**Staff:** Planning Director, Rodney Scheel and Zoning Administrator, Michael Stacey

**Press:** Mark Ignatowski

**Guests:** Robert Viets; Rosalie Bjelde; Michael Engelberger

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.
2. **Consider approval of the Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 8, 2014 as presented.**  
Motion by **Truehl** to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Jenson**. Motion carried 6 - 0.
3. **Council Representative Report.**  
Christianson reported the Common Council approved O-27-14 and O-31-14.
4. **Meeting Summary & Status of Developments.**  
Scheel gave an overview of the meeting summary and status of developments. Krcma questioned the Exclusively Roses site related to stormwater management. Scheel stated they were able to meet all requirements.
5. **R-5-15 Request by Purple Ocean LLC for conditional use permit (CUP) approval for an Indoor Commercial Entertainment use (restaurant) at 208 W. Main Street.**  
Scheel explained the request. Robert Viets was available for questions.

Mayor Olson opened the public hearing.

Robert Viets stated he was available for questions.

Mayor Olson closed the public hearing.

Motion by **Truehl** to recommend the Common Council approve the resolution for the conditional use permit for the indoor commercial entertainment use at 208 W. Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Krcma**. Motion carried 6 - 0.

6. **Request by Sonny Swangstu for extra-territorial jurisdictional approval of a certified survey map (CSM) for a land division at the northwest corner of County Highway B and Country Club Road for a future Veterans Memorial Park, Town of Pleasant Springs.**  
Scheel explained the request. Hanna questioned if the City had any maintenance responsibilities at the site. Scheel stated the City has review authority because it is in the 1 ½ mile extra-territorial jurisdiction and the property will remain in the Town of Pleasant Springs. Truehl questioned what the park is planned to be used for. Mayor Olson stated it will be for a

veteran's memorial with specific uses to be determined. The land was donated by Oscar and Shirley Linnerud to the American Legion for a park. Jenson stated he will abstain since he is an American Legion member.

Motion by **Hanna** to recommend the Common Council approve the resolution for the extra-territorial land division (CSM) request at the corner of County Highway B and Country Club Road, Town of Pleasant Springs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Truehl**. Motion carried 5 -0 (Jenson abstained).

- 7. Request by Rosalie Bjelde, 101 W. Broadway Street, Stoughton to discuss allowing a zoning ordinance amendment for the keeping of pigeons. (Referral from Public Safety)**  
Scheel explained the history of this request.

A lengthy discussion took place as follows:

- Questions/discussion about the data provided by staff;
- Questions about the proposed ordinance provided by City Attorney Dregne;
- Staff recommendation that if it is the desire of the commission to proceed with an ordinance amendment that a conditional use permit be required;
- Planning department would be responsible for inspections not the Police Dept.;
- Staff needs direction how to proceed;
- Some on the Commission believe the ordinance should be left alone since it is only for one person;
- Costs are adding up related to this request;
- Chickens are allowed so why not pigeons;
- There were a group of individuals seeking to change the ordinance to allow chickens;
- Loft requirements and screening will be important to eliminate nuisances.

Scheel recommended a straw vote to find out who is in favor of sending this request to the Common Council for a decision to proceed. Hanna is in favor of taking a vote.

Motion by **Christianson** to recommend the Common Council deny the request to change the zoning code to allow keeping of pigeons in residential districts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Truehl**.  
Motion carried 5 – 1 (Jenson voted no)

- 8. Discuss amending the zoning ordinance related to the parking of recreational vehicles.**  
Scheel explained the history and issues related to parking of recreational vehicles.

A lengthy discussion took place as follows:

- Limiting number to 3 is good idea;
- Two snowmobiles on a trailer counts as one vehicle;
- Side yard ends at the back of the house;
- Pavers count as a hard surface if under the whole vehicle not just tires;
- There is some interest to allow pavers under tires as long as tires do not leave a paved surface;
- Should there be a limit to the size campers could take up on a lot;
- Campers have to be owned by the property owner so numbers are not usually an issue;

- Canoes and kayaks have not historically counted as a recreational vehicle;
- Need better definition for recreational vehicle;
- How would off-road motorcycles be covered.

Staff will bring back an ordinance for discussion.

**9. Revisit moratorium on outdoor furnace installations.**

Scheel explained the history of the moratorium and noted there are 2 known outdoor furnaces in the City.

Hanna and Krcma are in favor of the prohibition. Jenson questioned the grandfathered status of the existing furnaces. Scheel stated a sunset clause could be built into the ordinance.

Staff will draft an ordinance for the next meeting.

**10. Proposed amendment to the communication tower regulations.**

Scheel explained the State changed the regulations for the placement of tower in the State. Municipalities have to either change their ordinances to reflect the State Statutes or use the State Statutes.

Christianson recommends staff work with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to reflect State regulations.

**11. Future agenda items**

Proposed ordinance amendments.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by Jenson to adjourn at 7:06 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christianson. Motion carried 6 – 0.