

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
November 10, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call: Chairperson VanderBloomer, Commissioners Bautch, Thorson, Koch and Murphy

Chairperson Vanderbloomer called to order the Regular Planning Commission meeting on November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: John Bautch, Michelle Koch, Gloria Murphy, and Ron Thorson. Also present: John Hughes, City Councilmember; Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to address the Planning Commission on items not on the agenda

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Bautch made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for October 2020

Councilmember Hughes asked about Parkview building permits. Petracek stated that permits have been issued for 21 homes. He added that the permits will more than likely be on the next report.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- B. October 13, 2020

Koch made a motion to approve the October 13, 2020 minutes as typewritten. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Review Final Draft of Proposed Tree Management Ordinance

Attorney Glaser reviewed the final draft of the tree management ordinance. He stated that other than some typo changes and a change to the language for the firewood definition, it is the same draft as last meeting.

Chairperson Vanderbloomer questioned the building official and the city forester. He asked if the building official has the expertise to be the city forester and enforce rules. Petracek stated that the city forester and building official will work together to enforce

the rules. The building official will have a better understanding of enforcement than the appointed city forester. Discussion ensued.

Vanderbloomer stated he is also concerned about some of the language regarding tree preservation, and if it will create problems of enforcement, and possibly problems down the road with developer's. Vanderbloomer recommended removing Subdivision 1, Subdivision 3, and the tree standards under Subdivision 2. Discussion ensued.

The Planning Commission discussed tree standards and its definition, and who sets those standards – city staff or the City Council.

Petracek recommended looking at Tree City USA or Greenstep tree standards and ordinances to possibly give ideas for tree standards. Discussion ensued. Petracek said he would look into those types of organizations and their standards for next meeting.

Bautch made a motion to table the final draft of the proposed tree management ordinance. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. October 1, 2020
- B. October 15, 2020

No discussion was had on Council minutes.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Bautch stated that there is another street light out on Albert Drive.

Vanderbloomer asked if public works was still putting down the pretreatment on roads before a snow fall. Petracek stated they haven't for a couple of years due to the City of Circle Pines no longer mixing the brine for the roads. Discussion ensued.

Koch asked about the discussion that Lino Lakes Planning and Zoning was having about metal roofs. Discussion ensued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Bautch made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.