

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
December 8, 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 December 8, 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. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for November 2020

Some discussion on 9001 Griggs Ave. and Parkview Mobile Home Park permits.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- B. November 10, 2020

Bautch made a motion to approve the November 11, 2020 minutes as typewritten. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Review Final Draft of Proposed Tree Management Ordinance

1. Tree City USA Municipal Tree Ordinance

Vanderbloomer stated that he like the Tree City USA sample ordinance. Attorney Glaser explained that the Tree City USA ordinance is unenforceable in Minnesota. He added that there is not enough due process for tree removal. Discussion ensued.

Petracek explained that the Tree City USA ordinance does cite tree standards that tie it to different regulations, which was the reason for considering the Tree City ordinance. Attorney Glaser explained that his ordinance cites Minnesota tree standards. Discussion ensued.

Petracek explained that if the ordinance that the city attorney cites Minnesota tree standards, his belief is a certified arborist in the State of Minnesota would need to understand and enforce those State standards and stay up-to-date on changing standards to maintain their arborist certification in Minnesota. Discussion ensued.

Vanderbloomer also noted that the Tree City USA ordinance pertains primarily to public property, where the ordinance that the city attorney drafted pertains to both public and private property. Discussion ensued.

Murphy made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of proposed ordinance Section 10.30 Shade Tree Disease Control and Prevention. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:
 - A. November 5, 2020
 - B. November 19, 2020

Some discussion was had with the revised O'Reilly's Development Agreement.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

The P & Z made some suggestions on the 2021 Calendar that was distributed to them.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Bautch made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.