

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018

Members Present: Betty Root, Jim Cunningham, Al Martin, Diane LaPorte, Peggy Wittman

Members Absent: Joe Frontiera and Rob Splane

Also Present: City Manager Lynne Ladner, David Jirousek (Williams & Works), Julie Kreilick (Main Street), Dave Spitler (Oceana County Housing Comm.), George Sadler and Gale Goldberg (Dep. Clerk).

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Vice-Chairman B. Root.

Motion by D. LaPorte to approve the agenda as presented – supported by A. Martin – discussion – vote was 2 ayes and 3 nays – motion failed. Motion by P. Wittman to amend the agenda to include a review of the bylaws prior to the election – no support – motion failed. Motion by J. Cunningham to approve the agenda as presented – supported by D. LaPorte – vote was 3 ayes and 2 nays. At this time, based on current/past practices, this motion failed. Motion by A. Martin to eliminate #5, Elections, from the agenda – supported by P. Wittman – discussion – motion was approved 5-0.

Minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting were approved (5-0) upon motion by J. Cunningham and supported by P. Wittman.

Public Comments

Dave Spitler reported that he had learned that the Griswold housing project has been approved and they will be back soon with a preliminary site plan. This project will be 5 buildings with 2 apartments in each and will be low income based.

George Sadler suggested a proposal go to council to have meetings recorded and put on the internet. Also, he wondered when, during a Planning Commission meeting, the public can interact with the commission. It was noted that at the Public Comment portion, anyone can reserve the right to comment on a specific agenda item.

RRC (Redevelopment Ready Communities)

David noted our report was submitted to the state – most items are completed. Under item 5.1.4, three top choices of properties available and ready for redevelopment are 920 S. State (Suburban Propane site), 227 E. Main (Walker's Restaurant site) and 53/55 S. State (Stevens' building). David noted that the list could evolve over time.

Training

(Started at 2:40 p.m.) The first topic to be covered was Roberts' Rules of Order. There was some discussion and clarifications. A draft of Bylaws and Rules of Procedure was the second topic. David went through each section. There were questions and discussions and some changes to be made were noted. A revised copy will be made available next week and can be supplied to commission members at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. upon motion by P. Wittman and supported by D. LaPorte and approved (5-0).