

**APPROVED MINUTES  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA  
FEBRUARY 22, 2011  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Planning Commission Chairman Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission of February 22, 2011 to order at 7:00 P.M.

**CALL OF ROLL:**

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Planning Commission were present: Judy Coughlin, Mark Lobermeier, Sean Wagner, Ken Meyers, and Frank Storm

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Fred Weck, Council Liaison Roger Elmore.

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

Chairman Storm determined a quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**OPEN FORUM:**

*"An opportunity for members of the public to address the Planning Commission on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring Planning Commission action maybe deferred to staff for research and future Planning Commission Agendas if appropriate."*

No members of the public spoke.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1 Consider approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming, Minnesota Planning Commission for January 11, 2011.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER WAGNER, TO APPROVE THE "REGULAR MEETING" MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR JANUARY 11, 2011.**

*Voting Aye: Coughlin, Lobermeier, Wagner, Meyers, and Storm.*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. Consider an extension of the Conditional Use Permit for the Spirit and Praise Church**

Weck explained to the Commission that the Conditional Use Permit for the Spirit and Praise Church will expire unless it is extended. Weck also explained that Pastor Wattle stated that the church has a prospective buyer for their current building and that the proceeds from that sale will be used to finance that construction of the new building, hopefully this summer. He also explained that Chisago County may require that the requirements for driveway access to the

site be changed and that that is why he is recommending that condition number two of the permit be changed by omitting the reference to the March 19, 2009 letter from the Chisago County Department of Public Works.

Commissioner Coughlin asked staff if the Lighting section of the Zoning Ordinance had changed from Section 42, Weck replied that it has a new section number with the new ordinance.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER WAGNER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO EXTEND THE SPIRIT AND PRAISE CHURCH'S CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ONE YEAR WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. Prior to construction on the site that the grading and drainage plans are approved by the City Engineer.
2. A permit shall be obtained from Chisago County for access onto Forest Boulevard / County Road 30, and in accordance with Chisago County Department of Public Works requirements.
3. The site shall be developed in substantial compliance with the approved site plan.
4. Security lighting for the building and parking area shall comply with Article VII, Division 15 of the Zoning Ordinance.
5. Before any additional exterior lighting is installed on the site, a lighting plan shall be submitted to the City for review and approval.
6. All applicable City codes, ordinances and policies as well as any applicable County, State and Federal regulations shall be complied with prior to the issuance of a building permit.
7. The parking or storage of commercial vehicles, semi-trailers, truck-tractors, or other large mobile equipment is prohibited.
8. All mechanical equipment on the ground or roof, such as heating or air conditioning, shall be screened on all sides so as not to be visible from public streets or adjoining property.
9. That the stormwater pond is protected with a perpetual drainage and utility easement dedicated to the public.
10. That the relocation of the power line to the home to the east of the church property be at no expense to that homeowner, and that the homeowner be notified before the work is done due to family health concerns.

*Voting Aye: Coughlin, Lobermeier, Wagner, Meyers, and Storm.*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

**3. Review the Wyoming City Code for Revisions**

Weck provided the Planning Commission with copies of the complete city code on CD and a list of items that were found while compiling the ordinances that should be addressed. Weck explained that most of the items would be taken care of by city staff; but that he was bringing some of the items to the Planning Commission's attention for their recommendations to the City Council. The first being Sec. 12 – 65, (k) requiring that female massage therapists only massage females and male therapists only massage males. After discussion the Planning

Commission came to the consensus that Sec. 12 – 65, (k) should be removed from the City Code.

The next item discussed were Secs. 34 – 66 and 40 – 676 regarding the parking of large vehicles in residential districts. Sec. 34 – 66 prohibits vehicles over 12, 000 pounds and Sec. 40 – 676 prohibits parking of vehicles over 9,000 pounds. Following discussion the Planning Commission came to the consensus that Sec. 40 – 676 should be changed from 9,000 pounds to 12,000 pounds.

Sec. 34 – 66 (c) prohibits trucks of over 12,000 pounds from driving on any city street without a permit from the city. Weck explained that the city does not and has not issued permits for vehicles and the ordinance is not being enforced. He further explained that a similar law is enforced during spring road restrictions when streets are more susceptible to damage from large vehicles. Following discussion the Planning Commission came to the consensus to remove Sec. 34 – 66 (c) from the City Code if the City Attorney confirms that the City Council could pass an ordinance placing weight restrictions on a particular street should that street need to be protected from larger vehicles.

The last ordinance to be discussed was the city's ordinance regarding shade tree diseases and the Emerald Ash Borer. Following discussion about whether the treatment and mitigation methods described within the ordinance are still relevant. The Commission directed staff to do research for ordinances regarding the Emerald Ash Borer and to have the City Forester (Jason Windingstad) review the current ordinance regarding treatment and mitigation techniques.

#### **4. Planning Commission Mission, Discussion**

Chairman Storm asked Commissioner Lobermeier to lead the discussion. Commissioner Lobermeier began by saying that the Planning Commission has typically been reactive to requests instead of proactive; that is that the Comprehensive Plan has goals to encourage alternative energy sources, and the Sewer and Water Comprehensive Plans have water conservation and sustainability as a goals. But that the ordinances may not encourage enough the furthering of those goals. The Commissioners discussed what the Planning Commission could do to help advance the goals of the comprehensive plans, promote the city, remain competitive with other communities, and be business friendly. Commissioner Wagner suggested that the Planning Commission host a visioning session with the City Council and the Economic Development Authority to develop a plan to reach those goals. Council Liaison Elmore suggested that he and a commissioner attend the next EDA meeting and meet with them informally. Commissioner Wagner volunteered to attend the meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

4 There was no Old Business.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER WAGNER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2011 AT 7:57 P.M.**

*Voting Aye: Lobermeier, Meyers, and Storm.*

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*