

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 10, 2009
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Commission Chairman Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission meeting of November 10, 2009 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: Frank Storm, Mark Lobermeier, Ken Meyers, Sean Wagner, and Judy Coughlin

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Staff Member Fred Weck and Council Liaison Roger Elmore.

Mayor Sheldon Anderson.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The 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 October 27, 2009.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, TO APPROVE THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR OCTOBER 27, 2009 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES.

- a. Call of Roll – Mattson has two t's.
- b. Approval of Minutes – The October 12th minutes were approved.

- c. Old Business, Zoning Ordinance Update, First bullet point – Commissioner Coughlin's comments were on the 9/22/09 draft of the zoning ordinance.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public hearing for the adoption of the City of Wyoming Zoning Ordinance was reopened by Chairman Storm at 7:03 P.M.

Lisa Iverson of the Wyoming Area Business Association (WABA) again invited the Planning Commission to attend one of the Association's meetings to see how local businesses are feeling about sign regulations. The next meeting is on November 17th at 11:45 A.M. at Stars and Strikes. She stated that the businesses in the association want to work with the city on the temporary sign provisions in a way that will benefit the city and the businesses, and that some of the businesses have taken advantage of the current rules. She said that a copy of the surrounding communities ordinances was distributed to members of the association for their review.

Commissioner Wagner stated that we have all seen examples of cities that don't regulate signs at all and of others that don't permit them at all (Hilton Head), and that the city needs to look at nearby communities and how they regulate temporary signs.

Ms. Iverson agreed that there does need to be some kind of rules but that they shouldn't be overly restrictive.

Commissioner Coughlin stated that she would have liked for the Commission to receive more comments but that Ms. Iverson is the only one that made it to tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Lobermeier asked if there were more issues than just the temporary signs, the size of signs and how long they could be up were the main issues.

Commissioner Meyers stated that signs should show the location of a business and shouldn't be used exclusively as a marketing tool. Ms. Iverson responded that small businesses in Wyoming need to compete against bigger businesses, and used Joes Pizza next to Subway as an example; she also said that Wyoming businesses are competing against those in Forest Lake as well. She also said that they do want to come to an agreement with the city but need time to get ideas together and present them to the Planning Commission.

There being no further public comments Chairman Storm closed the public hearing at 7:35 P.M.

Chairman Storm asked that a questionnaire be prepared and presented to the businesses in the city to get their input.

Commissioner Wagner confirmed that there is a concern with the regulation but that the ordinance is consistent with surrounding communities and that maybe the Planning Commission should recommend approval to the City Council. Commissioner Meyers thought that the City should expand our review of other cities ordinances and include those that are further away, and also to have a survey given to WABA for their comments.

Chairman Storm asked Weck if he had received any comments from the police or the Chisago County Highway Department about signs near the right-of-way, Weck responded that as of yet he had not.

Commissioner Wagner asked if the Planning Commission would consider changing the ordinance to allow ten (10) sign display instead of the three (3) currently allowed, thirty (30) days maximum per sign, ninety (90) days total for a year.

Chairman Storm responded that he would like to see the ordinance remain as it is, a merging of the ordinances, and come back after the merging of the other ordinances and revisit it with the architectural standards, wind turbines, and other sections that need further addressing. He asked Commissioner Meyers about public comment two years ago when the city updated the sign ordinance. Commissioner Meyers responded that no one showed up for the public hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS WRITTEN TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW THE SIGN ORDINANCE AT IT'S FIRST MEETING IN 2010.

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

Voting Nay: Wagner

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

The Planning Commission discussed upcoming meetings, then:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER WAGNER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2009 AT 7:55 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None