

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 27, 2009
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Commission Chairman Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission of October 27, 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, and Judy Coughlin

Members Absent: Sean Wagner and Council Liaison Roger Elmore.

Also Present: Staff Members Craig Mattson and Fred Weck.

Mayor Sheldon Anderson, Council Members Linda Nanko-Yeager, and Russ Goudge.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Planning Commission Chairman 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 12, 2009.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO APPROVE THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR OCTOBER 12, 2009 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES.

- a. Call of Roll – Council Liaison Roger Elmore was absent.
- b. Approval of Minutes – Meyers was absent and did not vote.

- 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, and Storm.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public hearing for the adoption of the City of Wyoming Zoning Ordinance was opened by Chairman Storm at 7:03 P.M. A letter from Daniel Peters of Wyoming Shell concerning temporary signs was marked as received and entered into the record.

Mary Olson, property owner of parcels located on the north side of Heims Lake, asked about current zoning of the parcels (Rural Residential I) and when the parcels would be rezoned to the Office and Healthcare District as shown in the Comprehensive Plan. She was informed that properties would be rezoned at the property owner's request.

James Mericle owner of the Nesting Grounds commented on the Sign Section of the Ordinance, specifically temporary signs. Mr. Mericle stated that the ordinance is very restrictive, three times per year, 30 days each time, doesn't provide businesses enough of an opportunity to advertise specials and new products. Mr. Mericle also stated that his property taxes have gone from \$6,600 to \$17,000 in the last five years. He encouraged the Planning Commission to rethink the temporary sign provisions and also stated that the signs should not be a blight and should not be in the right-of-way.

There being no further public comments Chairman Storm closed the public hearing at 7:12 P.M.

Commissioner Meyers asked staff how many comments had been received about the sign section of the ordinance. Weck responded that in addition to the letter from Wyoming Shell that he had also spoken on the phone to Outrageous Tan and Action Advertising.

Lisa Iverson of the Wyoming Area Business Association urged 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.

Chairman Storm asked the Planning Commission if they had any further comments, Commissioner Coughlin had the following revisions to the ordinance to correct errors:

- In the Agricultural District, move group homes from conditional uses to permitted uses and use the language from the other residential districts.
- In the R-1 District, move wind energy conversion systems from conditional uses to accessory uses.
- In the R-3, R-4, R-6, C, and I Districts add the following concerning corner lots: The front yard setback may be reduced to the following distances on the non-address road or highway:
- In the Commercial (C) District, move wind energy conversion systems from conditional uses to accessory uses.

- Sec. 40 – 255, (5), (b), add: Six (6) feet for accessory buildings adjacent to a residential district.
- Sec. 40 – 285; (3), (4), and (5) fix setbacks to match the approved Table.
- Sec. 40 – 334, (2), (d), change a-d to 1 – 4.
- Sec. 40 – 403, (2), (c), change (151) to (159).
- Sec. 40 – 481, (6), place a period after front yard, and capitalize 'customers' with the start of the new sentence.
- Sec. 40 – 499, Add the underlined words to the sixth sentence in the paragraph: No waste materials shall be washed, deposited, or placed, into public waters, wetlands, the city's storm sewer systems, and drainage easements.
- Sec. 40 – 500, Change Planning Commission to City Council (three places).
- Sec. 40 – 583, (2), delete the repeated word "City".

Commissioner Meyers commented that the tables that were used during the Planning Commission could be added as a reference to help readers use the ordinance.

Following discussion on how best to address the concerns raised about temporary signs:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO REOPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TO CONTINUE IT TO THE NOVEMBER 10, 2009 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Weck told the commission that he would contact the people who had left the meeting to let them know it had been continued.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO ADJOURN THE “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR OCTOBER 27, 2009 AT 7:50 P.M.

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

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None