

**APPROVED MINUTES  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA  
MARCH 9, 2010  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Planning Commission Chairman Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission meeting of March 9, 2010 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, Sean Wagner, Mark Lobermeier, and Ken Meyers

Members Absent: Judy Coughlin.

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 February 23, 2010.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER WAGNER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, TO APPROVE THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2010.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 2 There were no Public Hearings.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3 Conditional Use Permit Extension – Spirit & Praise Pentecostal Church.**

Zoning Administrator Weck explained to the Planning Commission that Spirit & Praise Church has not begun construction on the church since the Conditional Use Permit was granted on April 7, 2009, and that zoning ordinance requires that the church request an extension in order to keep the Conditional Use Permit from lapsing. The letter submitted by the Pastor of the church requests a one-year extension on the permit and indicates that they hope to begin construction in the coming year. Chairman Storm asked the Commission if there were any questions, there being none:

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER WAGNER, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF SPIRIT & PRAISE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH'S REQUEST FOR A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO THEIR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **4 Ordinance Updates – Nuisances.**

The Planning Commission continued to review City Ordinances to be updated as a part of the Orderly Annexation Agreement between the City and the former Township, beginning with the Nuisance Ordinance. Weck explained to the Commission that he had contacted the Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District Administrator for ordinance examples concerning buffer zones at lake lots and the preservation of natural areas. The watershed administrator was able to provide ordinances from the cities of Baxter, West St. Paul, and Blaine; Weck had also found an ordinance amendment adopted by the City of Wyoming in 1997.

The Commission discussed what they were trying to accomplish with allowing uncut grass in certain circumstances; the protection of larger lots, natural habitats, undeveloped properties, riparian buffer zones, agricultural uses. There was also discussion on where the ordinance should apply, and whether it should be based on lot size or development density. Commissioner Wagner offered the opinion that all lots, regardless of size or density need to be afforded equal protection and that a different factor needs to be the standard.

After discussion it was decided to incorporate the City of Wyoming 1997 amendment and add Section 4-4-3, Conversion to Turf, from the Baxter ordinance into the nuisance ordinance.

Weck was instructed to contact the Street Superintendent to see if he could define the word "box" in regards to damage to a tree (Sec. 16 – 53).

The Planning Commission decided to wait for any comments from Commissioner Coughlin before deciding the Nuisance Ordinance is ready for a hearing.

## 5 Reports

The Commission then spent a brief amount of time discussing the need for marketing by the city and property owners of the land around the hospital that the Comprehensive Plan has designated as the "Office and Health Care" Zone, and whether the Planning Commission or the Economic Development Authority (EDA) of the city should be doing it. It was decided that the EDA should be in the forefront and that the Planning Commission should be encouraging and supporting the EDA in the effort.

Chairman Storm advised the Commission that the County will have a work session on the new Septic Ordinance on March 18th with a public hearing to follow on April 1st. Weck informed the Commission that he had already submitted his comments on the proposed ordinance to the County.

Weck informed the Commission that the City had received the draft Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) for review and comment. Weck stated that he has reviewed the maps and they do not place any addition structures in a flood plain and removes from the previous flood plain maps those properties that acquired a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) in the past. The areas of the City that had not been a part of the previous FIRM are now included, and that no structures have been placed in a flood plain with that inclusion.

**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 MARCH 9, 2010 AT 7:52 P.M.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*