

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 25, 2010
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Commission Chairman Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission of May 11, 2010 to order at 7:10 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, and Frank Storm

Members Absent: Sean Wagner and Ken Meyers.

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 May 11, 2010.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, TO APPROVE THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR MAY 11, 2010.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Lobermeier, and Storm.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 2 There were no Public Hearings.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3 There was no New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

- 4 **Sign Ordinance Review**

The Planning Commission continued its review of the Sign Ordinance. Discussion

began on off-premise signs where it was decided that the ordinance allows an exception for temporary signs for special events, and that a variance could be requested for permanent signs as "Stars & Strikes" had done.

Steve Kirkbride of "Leroy's Collision" asked about the possibility of an off-premise sign at the intersection of 260th Street and Forest Boulevard to inform the public of the businesses that are in the Wyoming Industrial District. Staff asked about the ownership of the sign that is currently at that location and whether it is on the city water tower property or on the right-of-way of the bike trail. It was also discussed whether the City of Wyoming EDA had involvement with the existing sign, or whether they would want to get involved with a future sign. Staff was directed to contact the EDA to try to get answers.

Ed Kramer, representing the Wyoming Methodist Church, spoke about the ordinance not allowing electronic changeable message signs, and whether they could be allowed. Staff reminded the commission that churches are allowed in residential areas and that the light from electronic changeable message signs may not be as welcome there as they could be in the commercial districts. The commission also discussed the traffic hazard that the signs can cause because they distract drivers. Following the discussion staff was directed to find out how other cities are regulating the signs and to present the information to the commission.

Commissioner Coughlin addressed the issue of the amount of time that temporary signs are allowed to be displayed in comparison to other cities in the area, and found that the City of Wyoming is on the high end, but that she is not opposed to increase in the time based on the survey results. After discussion Commissioner Lobermeier offered that allowing the display of temporary signs be increased to four times per year for a total of 120 days. By consensus the Planning Commission agreed to the change.

Due to the absence of Commissioners Wagner and Meyers, Chairman Storm tabled further discussion on the Sign Ordinance until their return.

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 MAY 25, 2010 AT 7:42 P.M.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Lobermeier, and Storm.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None