

**APPROVED MINUTES  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA  
JANUARY 27, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Planning Commission Chairman Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission of January 27, 2015 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, Mathew Engstrom, Mark Lobermeier, Ken Meyers and Frank Storm.

Members Absent: Council Liaison Mayor Eric Peterson.

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Fred Weck.

**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 13, 2015.**

It was noted that Commissioner Lobermeier abstained from voting to approve the previous meeting minutes and that there was a spelling error in the Planning Commission Vice-Chair nomination.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO APPROVE THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR JANUARY 13, 2015 AS CORRECTED.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 2. None.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 3. None.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Storm revised the Planning Commission Agenda to move up the ordinance discussion regarding snowmobile ditch riding to allow Police Chief Hoppe speak.

**4. Ordinance Discussion**

**Snowmobile Ditch Riding**

The Commissioners discussed the provisions of the city code regarding snowmobile operation in the city right-of-way with Police Chief Hoppe. The discussion included the safety of operation on the shoulder and in the ditch, crossing of the ROW, ditch construction and width, the funneling of traffic onto certain streets and the effect on public and private property, property values, vehicle safety equipment, and complaints to the police about snowmobile operation. Other cities ordinance were also so discussed particularly Chisago City & Lakeville.

Commissioner Coughlin provided photos of snowmobile tracks leaving the ditch and entering private property. She contrasted other outdoor recreational activities such as boating, hunting and ATV riding that are allowed in the city in appropriate areas, with the potential for snowmobile riders to use the ditches along city streets as more than just a route to get to the snowmobile trails, as well as the potential for snowmobile users to impact property owners along the route by leaving the ditch and entering private property.

The Commissioners directed Zoning Administrator Weck and Police Chief Hoppe to compare the ordinance with Chisago City’s ordinance and to provide a draft to the Commission at the next meeting.

**5. Ordinance Amendment**

**Solar Energy Systems**

Zoning Administrator Weck presented the Commissioners with the response from the City Engineer that had been received that afternoon regarding questions about the Solar Energy System Ordinance. He explained that he had not had a chance to review the response. The Commissioners discussed the proposed solar energy systems amendment to the zoning ordinance and integration with the rest of the zoning ordinance. Consideration was given to energy zones as discussed in the comp plan, overlay areas, and where they should go as a principal use.

Neal Rever, 24679 Hale Avenue, questioned the statutory definition of solar farms and solar gardens and how users of a solar garden would not need to be in the community that the garden is located in.

The Commissioners continued consideration of the ordinance until after they have reviewed what had been provided by the city engineer.

**6. Ordinance Amendment**

**Animal Ordinance**

The Commissioners reviewed amendments to the animal ordinance that the City Attorney suggested regarding cruelty to animals. Zoning Administrator Weck stated that the attorney’s response to the question “What is considered “good and wholesome” food and water?” will be determined by the judge that will hear the case of a person that has been charged with a violation of the ordinance.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED ANIMAL ORDINANCE.**

*Voting Aye: Coughlin, Engstrom, Lobermeier, Meyers, and Storm.*  
*Voting Nay: None*  
*Abstain: None*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**7. None.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER MEYERS SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER ENGSTROM, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR JANUARY 27, 2015 AT 8:17 P.M.**

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

*Voting Nay: None*

*Abstain: None*