

Planning Commission Minutes
November 7, 2007

Call to Order:

The November 7, 2007 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Henke.

Adopt Agenda:

Motion by Heise, second by Renning to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. 6/0

Roll Call:

Those in attendance were Henke, Renning, Heise, Gabert, Gruetzmacher, and Herminath. Noel – excused.

Others present were Kent Hager (City Administrator), Paul Hanlon (City Inspector), Tom O’Connell – 2nd Dist. Alderman and John Faucher – Press-Star / Buyers Guided.

Approval of the 10/25/07 minutes:

Motion by Renning, second by Heise to approve the minutes of the 10/25/07 meeting as presented. Motion carried. 6/0

Nic Sparacio – Foth / presentation on Comprehensive Plan Implementation:

Nic began his presentation by updating the members on the status of the comprehensive plan. The next phase is the implementation of the plan. There are several key elements to the implementation phase, some of which include developing an official city map, creating a design review ordinance and creating a local historic preservation ordinance. The goal is to have these 3 tasks completed by the end of 2010. There are other elements that need work, but the timing for them is “as needed”. Waupaca County is asking all of the towns, villages and cities to participate in hiring Foth for the next three years to help implement the plan by passing a resolution they provided. The cost of this to the City of New London is approximately \$3000 / yr. for 2008, 2009 and 2010. We would get approximately 30 hours of service each year from Foth that could be used towards accomplishing the tasks listed above. Nic stated that even if we have the staff available to accomplish the tasks, they probably don’t have the time to get the work done. Waupaca County has contracted Foth for 2008, but at this time they have not decided on what they will do for 2009 and 2010. Henke, Renning and Herminath shared concerns that we may be subsidizing the towns and villages by participating because we have a lot of the ordinance work already done; however, after the presentation and discussion that followed, Nic was asked to submit a proposal to the Planning Commission with suggestions on what Foth could do for us for the annual fee. Nic will be preparing the proposal at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Discussion of presentation by Foth, action if any:

No action taken.

Site Plan Review – Robert Ebben / Mini-Storage Building:

A site plan was reviewed for Robert Ebben at 2609 County DD. He has proposed building a 50' x 150' mini-storage building on the site and has also indicated three more buildings for construction in the future. Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Renning to approve all 4 buildings at this time. Motion carried. 6/0

Site Plan Review – Buyer's Guide / Accessory Building:

John Faucher, Buyer's Guide, was present at the meeting and explained they have the need to construct a 16' x 20' detached garage for the distribution of the papers. They are going to be adding a split rail fence along the river side of their parking lot in addition to the proposed garage. Motion by Heise, second by Gabert to approve the building as presented. Motion carried. 6/0

Items for Next Meeting:

Renning provided a list of recommended changes for the Comprehensive Plan for Hanlon to review and possibly include on the next meetings agenda.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm by Henke.