

Planning Commission Minutes
February 28, 2008

Call to Order:

The February 28, 2008 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Henke.

Adopt Agenda:

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

Roll Call:

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

Others present were Kent Hager (City Administrator) and Tom O’Connell (Alderman).

Approval of the 01-24-08 minutes:

Motion by Heise, second by Renning to approve the minutes of the 01-24-08 meeting as presented. Motion carried. 6/0

Discuss Proposal from From Nic Sparacio – Foth Regarding Waupaca County Comprehensive Plan Implementation:

The Planning Commission reviewed the most recent written proposal from Nic Sparacio, Lead Planner from Foth. Several commission members expressed disappointment regarding the priority order of the needs as identified in the proposal. Commission members Herminath and Renning met with Nic on Thursday, February 14th, along with Hanlon and Hager to discuss the specific needs of the City during the implementation effort, which is being offered to all towns, villages and cities within Waupaca County. During review of Sparacio’s proposal, members expressed the opinion that “Design Review” was not a high priority as noted by Sparacio, but rather “Extraterritorial Management” was a subject they wanted to pursue. It was suggested the list of priority needs as listed was a “proposal” only and could be amended. After considerable discussion, it was the opinion of the members present the City forgo participation in the implementation of the planning effort. Concerns were expressed that this implementation effort was not budgeted for and also whether this undertaking was really needed or not.

Motion by Heise, second by Gruetzmacher, to not participate in the proposed implementation planning effort with Waupaca County. Carried 6/0

Other Matters:

Henke noted that the Outagamie County Extension Office, Community Development representative, Jim Resick, extended an offer to visit with the Planning Commission

and talk about what assistance his office could provide to the City. Henke will invite Mr. Resick to the next Planning Commission meeting.

The members noted they want Hanlon to follow-up with an order to clean-up the vacant building on Pearl Street, across from the BP station. (Former tattoo parlor)

Hager updated the Planning Commission on the Forward New London groups efforts and the continued work of Ed Wendland.

Herminath expressed a concern that we need to follow thru with our “twinning” effort with Killaloe, Ireland. He will be following up on this.

It was noted that the Building Improvement Grant Program is intended to help people repair and improve the rear facades of their buildings along the river and is not available to reimburse people who have chose to make the improvements in the past.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm by Henke.