

Planning Commission Minutes  
April 24, 2008

**Call to Order:**

The April 24, 2008 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. 5/0

**Roll Call:**

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

Others present were Kent Hager (City Administrator), Paul Hanlon (City Inspector) and Jeff Bodoh (Dept. Engineer).

**Approval of the 03-27-08 minutes:**

Motion by Renning, second by Gabert to approve the minutes of the 03/27-08 meeting as presented. Motion carried. 5/0

**Request from Dept. of Public Works regarding Street Inspection for Construction Projects:**

Bodoh asked the Planning Commission to consider drafting an ordinance that would require inspections of streets prior to and after construction projects to determine if any contractors had caused damage to the streets. This would allow any damages to be charged to the contractor or property owner. Members thought it would be a good idea and Bodoh and Hanlon will prepare a draft for discussion at the May meeting. No action taken.

**ATC Zoning – Annexed Property:**

American Transmission Co, LLC has requested annexation of property on Hintzke Road from the Town of Maple Creek into the City of New London. The zoning at the time of the annexation was A-G (Agricultural). To make the zoning consistent with the adjacent City property, the Planning Commission discussed the options and a motion was made by Gabert and seconded by Renning to apply the M (Manufacturing) zoning to this property. Motion carried 5/0

**Discussion of Fences in the B-1 Zone:**

Members discussed the issue of fences being allowed in the B-1 (Central Business District). Currently, there is a dilapidated fence at the back of 519 W. North Water Street, the Easy Street Bar. The fence was initially constructed for a beer garden and has now become a catchall for the owner's junk. No action was taken on changing the ordinance, but Hanlon was asked to send a letter to the property owner and ask that

the fence be repaired and any storage contrary to Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code by removed. No further action taken.

**Discussion of the Comprehensive Plan:**

Henke noted that we have not received any changes from Foth as requested by the Planning Commission and promised by Nic Sparacio. Members also discussed designating historical sites and a complete parking study that would probably be done in 2009 by an outside consultant. No action taken.

**Other Matters:**

Henke stated that he will be appointing new Planning Commission members at the May Council meeting. The Planning Commission will also need to elect a new chairman at the May meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm by Henke.