

**Planning Commission Minutes
May 23, 2013**

Call to Order:

The May 23, 2013 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Henke in the absence of Chairman Steinhorst.

Adopt Agenda:

Motion by Thompson and seconded by Renning to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. 5/0

Roll Call:

Those in attendance were Gabert, Henke, Renning, Spilman and Thompson. Steinhorst, Noel, Gruetzmacher excused.

Others in attendance: Paul Hanlon – Zoning Administrator, Josh & Brenda Recha.

Approval of the 04-25-13 Minutes:

Motion by Gabert and seconded by Spilman to approve the minutes of the 04-25-13 meeting. Motion carried. 5/0

Request for Garage Exceeding Maximum Size and Height – Josh Recha – 1305 Division:

Josh and Brenda Recha were present and explained the request for garage was to accommodate the inventory of their home occupation, which is selling items over the internet. Motion by Thompson, second by Spilman to approve the garage as presented and with the maximum height not to exceed 17 feet. Motion carried. 5/0

Request for Zoning Change – Vacant Land – Corner of Wyman and W. Spring:

The City of New London is requesting a zoning change for the vacant lot at the intersection of Wyman Street and W. Spring Street from the current R-2 (One and Two Family) to B-1 (Central Business District). This property is in the process of being sold and a condition of the sale is the zoning must be changed. Motion by Renning, second by Gabert to recommend the zoning change to Council. Motion carried. 5/0

Mapping of Future City Streets for Official City Map:

Hanlon reviewed the work done at the last meeting and discussed his meeting with Tom Halverson at Carow Land Surveying. Members then completed placing the future streets on the map. Motion by Spilman, second by Gabert to forward the information to Carow Land Surveying so a preliminary Official City Map can be prepared. Motion carried. 5/0

Other Matters:

Renning questioned whether the ordinance on garage size limits should be reviewed or should the Planning Commission continue to review buildings that exceed the maximum size and height on a case by case basis. The consensus was to keep doing them on a case by case basis.

Other Matters (cont.):

Henke informed the members that Dollar General decided not to proceed with the acquisition of the property by Curt's building for a new store.

Adjournment:

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