

Minutes of the Plan Commission – December 19th 2011

A meeting of the Plan Commission of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Monday December 19th 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PRESENT – Dave Hemmer (Chairperson), Linda Munson, Tom Nelson, Curt Kramer, Roger Grunow, Ross Ritchie

ABSENT – Dan Key

ALSO PRESENT – Zoning Administrator Julie Jackson, Attorney Mark Peterson, City Administrator

NOTE: Key arrived at 7:01 PM.

2. CERTIFICATION OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW AGENDA REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Munson SECOND: Kramer VOTE: 7-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the November 8th 2011 meeting

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 7-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request from Todd Yeomans, 318 S. Wacouta Avenue, to use the second level of the detached garage for purposes of a home office (as a home occupation) in an R-1 Zoning District.

No further approval required by Council. Discussion was held on the previous request by Yeomans to allow a Planned Residential Development at the same location, which was tabled at the last Plan Commission meeting. Yeomans was questioned about whether he still planned to have renters in the building, which the current request would not permit. There was also a discussion on whether the city building inspector could determine if the home occupation license was being violated, which the Commission Attorney said is permissible. ACTION: To approve the request from Todd Yeomans, 318 S. Wacouta Avenue, to use the second level of the detached garage for purposes of a home office (as a home occupation) in an R-1 Zoning District MOTION: Ritchie SECOND: Kramer VOTE: 7-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Consideration of ordinance change to allow existing billboards to be converted to electronic billboards

Mary Niemeyer (Vice President – General Manager), Keith Carson (Real Estate Manager) and Jac Shimshak (Market Manager), all representing Olympus Media, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission on their request to install two digital billboards in Prairie du Chien. Discussion was held on the proposal and a proposed ordinance which would allow for digital billboards. ACTION: To direct staff to create a proposed ordinance which would permit digital billboards within the city limits for the Plan Commission to consider at its January 16th meeting MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Key VOTE: 7-0

6. ADJOURNMENT (7:59 PM)

MOTION: Kramer SECOND: Nelson VOTE: 7-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer