

Minutes of the Plan Commission – January 16th 2012

A meeting of the Plan Commission of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Monday January 16th 2012 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, Curt Kramer, Roger Grunow

ABSENT – Dan Key, Tom Nelson, Ross Ritchie

ALSO PRESENT – Zoning Administrator Julie Jackson, Attorney Mark Peterson, City Administrator Aaron Kramer, Co-Public Works Managers Terry Meyer and Larry Gates

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

MOTION: Munson SECOND: Kramer VOTE: 4-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the December 19th 2011 meeting

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Grunow VOTE: 4-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Request from Dean Goodman to extend/enlarge an existing nonconforming structure at 1400 S. 1st Street, for purposes of constructing an addition

No further approval required by Council. Staff reviewed the proposal with the Commission. No objections were received. ACTION: To approve the request from Dean Goodman to extend/enlarge an existing nonconforming structure at 1400 S. 1st Street, for purposes of constructing an addition MOTION: Kramer SECOND: Munson VOTE: 4-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Review and recommendation on request for easement from Beinborn Brothers Construction to use a portion of the 3rd Street right-of-way for access to their proposed apartment complexes on Brunson Street

This item will also need review by the Public Works Committee and final approval by Council. Beinborn was present to answer questions. Staff reviewed the request with the Commission. ACTION To recommend to the Public Works Committee that the request for easement from Beinborn Brothers Construction to use a portion of the 3rd Street right-of-way for access to their proposed apartment complexes on Brunson Street be approved MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Kramer VOTE: 4-0

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Review and recommendation on request from Beinborn Brothers Construction for temporary water service to proposed apartment complexes on Brunson Street

This item will also need review by the Public Works Committee and final approval by Council. Staff reviewed the proposal with the Commission, and no objections were received. ACTION: To recommend to the Public Works Committee that the request from Beinborn Brothers Construction for temporary water service to proposed apartment complexes on Brunson Street be approved MOTION: Kramer SECOND: Munson VOTE: 4-0

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

A memo from City Planner Garth Frable was discussed and reviewed. Mary Niemeyer (Vice President – General Manager), Keith Carson (Real Estate Manager) and Jac Shimshak (Market Manager), all representing Olympus Media, were present to discuss the issue. Considerable discussion was held on whether the sign restrictions along the Great River Road have been exempted from the area in

question, as the City requested in a 2006 resolution. Discussion was also held on a proposed ordinance from Goodview, Minnesota. ACTION: To direct the issue back to the staff to research the effect of the Great River Road regulations, and, if there are none, draft an ordinance for the Commission to consider MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Munson VOTE: 4-0

8. ADJOURNMENT (7:35 PM)

MOTION: Kramer SECOND: Grunow VOTE: 4-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer