

Minutes of the Plan Commission – September 17th 2012

A meeting of the Plan Commission of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Monday September 17th 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, Tom Nelson, Roger Grunow
ABSENT – Ross Ritchie, Dan Key ALSO PRESENT – City Planner Garth Frable, Attorney Mark Peterson, City Administrator Aaron Kramer

2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda

MOTION: Munson SECOND: Nelson VOTE: 5-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the August 20th 2012 meeting

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Kramer VOTE: 5-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Request from River to Valley Initiatives NSP to extend/enlarge an existing nonconforming structure at 225 S. Wacouta Avenue, for purposes of an addition

Judy Wall was present to discuss the request with the Commission. No further approval required by Council. ACTION: Hemmer SECOND: Munson VOTE: 5-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Request from River to Valley Initiatives NSP, 225 S. Wacouta Avenue, to rezone from R-3 “High Density Residential” to R-2 “Medium Density Residential” Zoning District

No action was required due to item #4 being passed.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2012-20 (REPEALING AND RE-CREATING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 6.17 (b) (SIGNS PERMITTED BY ZONING DISTRICTS - Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts, B-1 Central Business, B-2 Highway Commercial, I-1 Industrial non-manufacturing I-2 Industrial Manufacturing)

This Ordinance would correct an error in the Zoning Code which currently allows overhanging signs to extend six feet past a property line. If approved, the Ordinance would be placed on the October 16th Council agenda for a public hearing. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2012-20 MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 5-0

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2012-21 (REPEALING AND RE-CREATING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 6.10 (GENERAL DESIGN REQUIREMENTS)

This Ordinance would correct an error in the Zoning Code which creates a conflict in the regulation of signs in the right-of-way. If approved, the Ordinance would be placed on the October 16th Council agenda for a public hearing. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2012-21 MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Grunow VOTE: 5-0

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2012-24 (REPEALING AND RE-CREATING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 6.17 (a) (SIGNS PERMITTED BY ZONING DISTRICTS - Residential Districts R-1 - Low Density Residential, R-2 Medium Density Residential, R-3 High Density Residential and R-4 Mobile Home Districts)

This Ordinance change would regulate the placement of Electronic Variable Message Signs in the various residential districts. If approved, the Ordinance would be placed on the October 16th Council agenda for a public hearing. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2012-24 MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 5-0

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2012-26 (REPEALING AND RE-CREATING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1.20 (BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS) AND CHAPTER 17, SECTION 10.01 (BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - MEMBERSHIP)

During a recent review of the Municipal Code, it was determined that there are two Ordinances regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals that conflict with each other. The first is found in Chapter 1 (General Government), the other in Chapter 10 (Zoning Code). This proposed Ordinance would clear up the conflicting language. If approved, the Ordinance would be placed on the October 16th Council agenda for a public hearing. ACTION: To approve Ordinance 2012-26 MOTION: Grunow SECOND: Nelson VOTE: 5-0

10. ADJOURNMENT (7:20 PM)

MOTION: Nelson SECOND: Kramer VOTE: 5-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer