

Minutes of the Plan Commission (February 18th 2013)

A meeting of the Plan Commission of the City of Prairie du Chien was held on Monday February 13th 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer (Plan Commission Chairman) called the Plan Commission meeting to order.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PRESENT – Dave Hemmer (Chairperson), Linda Munson, Dan Key, Tom Nelson, Roger Grunow
ABSENT – Curt Kramer, Ross Ritchie ALSO PRESENT – Zoning Administrator Julie Jackson, Attorney Tom Peterson, City Administrator Aaron Kramer

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

MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 5-0

3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the January 21st 2013 meeting

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Nelson SECOND: Munson VOTE: 5-0

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Request from Thomas & Barbara Stram, 200 block of S. Main Street, to rezone from R-3 “High Density Residential” to B-1 “Central Business” Zoning District

A Public Hearing on this rezoning request will be held at the March 19th Council Meeting. The Strams were present to answer questions from the Commission. ACTION: To recommend the Common Council approve the request from Thomas & Barbara Stram, 200 block of S. Main Street, to rezone from R-3 “High Density Residential” to B-1 “Central Business” Zoning District MOTION: Nelson SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 5-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Certified Survey Map located in Government Lot 2 of Section 5, T6N, R6W, Town of Bridgeport, which is in the extraterritorial limits of the City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin – brought by Bob Selch

Final approval will be on the February 26th City Council agenda. Jackson provided a brief overview of the proposal which combines three lots into one, and said there is nothing that would lead to a recommendation it be rejected. ACTION: To recommend the Council approve the Certified Survey Map located in Government Lot 2 of Section 5, T6N, R6W, Town of Bridgeport, which is in the extraterritorial limits of the City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin – brought by Bob Selch MOTION: Hemmer SECOND: Key VOTE: 5-0

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2013-02 (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))

Last September, the Commission recommended adoption of 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). That Ordinance change would regulate the placement of Electronic Variable Message Signs in the various residential districts. In October, the Common Council unanimously voted against the Ordinance, and, instead directed staff to draft an Ordinance banning electronic variable message signs in the aforementioned zoning districts. That Ordinance is before the Plan Commission tonight for discussion and a recommendation to the Council for its March 19th meeting. Considerable discussion was held on the properties currently covered under these zoning designations, which includes Hoffman Hall, the schools and the churches among others. It was noted that existing signs would be grandfathered in, and could be repaired or replaced as long as the new sign was not larger or brighter. ACTION: To recommend the Council approve Ordinance 2013-02 (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)) MOTION: Munson SECOND: Key VOTE: 4-1 (Nelson opposed)

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION - Request from Dan Hird & Cindy Stoneking, 679 E. Blackhawk Avenue, to operate a bait shop in the detached garage as a home occupation in an R-3 Zoning District

No further approval required by Council. Neither Hurd nor Stoneking were present. Jackson provided a brief overview of the request, and said she had received no comments from the neighbors who had been notified. ACTION: To approve the request from Dan Hird & Cindy Stoneking, 679 E. Blackhawk Avenue, to operate a bait shop in the detached garage as a home occupation in an R-3 Zoning District, with a review in one (1) year MOTION: Nelson SECOND: Key VOTE: 5-0

8. ADJOURNMENT (7:25 PM)

MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 5-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer