

Minutes of the Plan Commission November 17th 2014

A meeting of the City of Prairie du Chien Plan Commission was held on Monday November 17th 2014 at 7:00 PM in City Hall. Mayor Dave Hemmer called the meeting to order.

GENERAL ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call** - PRESENT – Mayor Dave Hemmer (Chairman), Dan Key, Tom Nelson, Linda Munson, Ron Leys, Roger Grunow ABSENT – Ross Ritchie CITY STAFF ALSO PRESENT – Zoning Administrator Julie Jackson, Plan Commission 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: 6-0
- 3. APPROVAL – Minutes of the November 10th 2014 meeting** – Nelson said that he did not like that the minutes only contained the no votes on motions, especially in light of his November 10th vote to approve the re-zoning request of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad. MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 5-1 (Nelson opposed)

ACTION ITEMS

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2014-27 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 4.3 (A) (PARKING REQUIREMENTS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

The purpose of this Ordinance is to remove the section of the Ordinance dealing with the width of driveway accesses, which is addressed in the Public Works chapter of the Municipal Code. This item will be on the December 16th Council agenda. Discussion was held. ACTION: To recommend the Council approve Ordinance 2014-27 MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 6-0

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2014-28 (REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 2.6 (2) (F) (1) (MODIFICATIONS – YARD MODIFICATIONS) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a maximum height of 20 feet and maximum size of 1,000 square feet for accessory structures in Residential Districts or uses governed by the residential district requirements. This item will be on the December 16th Council agenda. Nelson said he was opposed due to what he felt were too many restrictions on building and construction. ACTION: To recommend the Council approve Ordinance 2014-28 MOTION: Munson SECOND: Hemmer VOTE: 5-1 (Nelson opposed)

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Ordinance 2014-29 (CREATING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 3.18 (HOME OCCUPATIONS) AND REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 3.6 (A) (B) (R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT), SECTION 3.7 (A) (B) (R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL), SECTION 3.8 (A) (B) (R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) AND SECTION 3.9 (A) (B) (R-4 MOBILE HOME DISTRICT) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

The purpose of this Ordinance is to create regulations governing Home Occupations and would allow the use of existing single-family dwellings for short-term rental in the R-2 (Medium Density Residential) and R-3 (High Density Residential) Zoning Districts. This item will be on the December 16th Council agenda. Discussion was held. Leys pointed out some minor typographical errors. ACTION: To recommend the Council approve Ordinance 2014-29 MOTION: Key SECOND: Leys. Nelson asked that a friendly amendment be made to the following section – (3) (Impact on Neighbors) (d) There shall be no noise, fumes, glare and vibrations generated by the home occupation. – to read - (d) There shall be no noise, fumes, glare or vibrations generated by the home occupation which have a detrimental effect on neighboring properties. Key and Leys accepted the friendly amendment. VOTE: 6-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Grunow SECOND: Ritchie VOTE: 6-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer