

MEETING OF THE CITY OF ZILWAUKEE PLANNING COMMISSION

May 11, 2016

The secretary offered the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson K. Hyde.

Roll Call:

Present: Jason Boguslawski, Norm Burke, Betty Comstock, Dennis Duro, Ken Hyde, Rich Metiva and Steve Thayer.

Also Present: Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator John Stemple and Mayor Gene Jolin.

The minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting were considered. A motion was made by R. Metiva, supported by B. Comstock, to approve the minutes as mailed with changes. The word “reframed” should be “refrained” . The motion carried, all voting aye.

Audience Participation:

None.

Mayor Jolin mentioned the Spring Fling at the Riverfront will be rescheduled due to the forecast of bad weather.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

K. Hyde addressed the commission members regarding the procedure of cancelation of planning commission meetings. He mentioned having contacted Carrollton and Kochville commissions. Both commissions stated they do not hold meetings if there is nothing on the agenda. The secretary notifies the members and it is necessary to hold only 4 meetings a year. It was mentioned that often after a canceled meeting the next month’s meeting is more productive. There was discussion on the issues that should and should not be handled at planning commission meetings. N. Burke felt all things addressed in Ordinance 31 should be a concern of the planning commission and questioned how issues can be put on the agenda. K. Hyde mentioned that the upcoming random public meetings will allow residents to give their input on issues within the City. D. Duro mentioned he felt the Master Plan should be worked on by the planning commission for revising and updating. K. Hyde mentioned the Capital Improvement Plan was not as costly as the Master Plan. K. Hyde stated that the job of the planning commission was to put things in the ordinance and from that point on issues would be handled by the various departments. J. Stemple mentioned that last year he informed the commission he felt a professional consultant should be hired regarding the Master Plan update in order to follow state law.

It serves no purpose to spend time on Master Plan discussion at meetings without this. The City Administrator and Council needs to allocate funds for this also. J. Stemple mentioned the Capital Improvement Plan is not part of the Master Plan but only in conjunction with the Master Plan as a guide for Council when making changes within the City.

Mayor Jolin questioned J. Stemple if it would benefit the City to rezone some areas now. J. Stemple mentioned we could lay the ground work for future development as developers look for proper zoning and areas ready to move forward on.

John Stemple Updates:

J. Stemple mentioned that only issues on the Agenda should be discussed at meetings.

Round Table Discussion:

The members felt this was a good meeting with much discussion on many issues.

A motion was made by R. Metiva, supported by S. Thayer, to adjourn. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P. M. The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Inman, Recording Secretary