

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Planning Commission Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Katie Reiling, Rick Fischbach, Ed Dunn, Dick Glatzmaier, Mary Sieben, Jeff Meyer-City Council, Amy Pease

ABSENT:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Motion by Rick Fischbach to approve the minute of December, second by Ed Dunn. All in favor; motion passed.

Planning Commission Appointment

Dick Glatzmair was sworn in as the new Planning Commission member.

Public Hearing on changes additions to comp plan/zone ordinance

The Public hearing was opened at 6:35 p.m.

The Planning Commission discussed the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance and the changes that would take place.

Motion by Rick Fischbach to close the public hearing, second by Dick Glatzmaier

Motion was made by Rick Fischbach to recommend approval of the changes to the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan, which include adding 1-7 and eliminating numbers 8, 9 and 10 from the list of future additions to the park/trail system, second by Mary Sieben. All in favor; motion carried.

Solar Panel at the WWTP

The Planning Commission reviewed the Solar Panels that were discussed at the City Council meeting. The committee questions whether we have room and do we even want to look at solar energy at this time? This would not be an adequate area if we plan to utilize the ponds in the future. They questioned whether Sundance is the company to work with as they don't have a lot of experience. This would be a solar farm on our property that would pipe into a national grid. There would be a 25 year license to use the site. This process would allow us to lock into a lower rate for solar energy. The Planning Commission discussed different options and companies.

The Planning Commission members would like the City to contact John at Blattner Energy to see if they have any feedback on Solar Farms. Blattner Energy is an asset that we already have in the City and they might be able to guide us through the solar farm process or possibly assist us with getting a solar farm in place. The committee members would also like the City to talk to St. Johns to get information on their solar farm and find out if the panels come into a local grid first. The consensus from the Planning Commission is they will wait for the City Council to direct them on when they should start working on a Solar Energy Ordinance.

Misc.

The Planning Commission discussed the water quality in Avon Estates, especially the area around Sieben's and Weber's property. If we get an apartment building on the south side of Avon Estates this would dramatically improve the water quality. The Planning Commission discussed how getting more people tied into the city water

system would help with the water quality. They discussed Kopy Lane, Upper Spunk and Poverty Point. They discussed the deal that they would have received years ago if they would have had enough votes.

Set up a tour with John at the WWTP in spring-May.

The Planning Commission was updated on the Stormwater Ordinance that we may need to look at during the next meeting. There is a Stormwater Ordinance in our Official Zoning Ordinance book and also our Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Meyer brought up some questions about MPCA for stormwater, construction stormwater over 1 acre in size (SWIP), 100 year rain event, LMC standard and MPCA. Amy Pease is working with Randy Jenniges on this project. We will have information in February as to what the process/cost will be for the City.

Mary Sieben has been appointed to represent the Planning Commission on the Avon Estates Development Committee. Jeff Meyer explained to Mary Sieben what the committee is involved in.

The Planning Commission discussed the possibility of marketing not only Avon Estates but also trying to market the Water's Edge development as well.

Motion by Katie Reiling to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., second by Rick Fischbach. All in favor; motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy Pease