



CITY OF FINLAYSON

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

DATE	August 5, 2024	TIME	6:30 pm	FACILITATOR	Josette Koets
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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT			
Josette Koets	Jeff Flaws	Bruce Pogatchnik	Norm Kester
OTHERS PRESENT			
Dave Auchter	Mark Reiling	Judy Reiling	

TIME	ITEM	OWNER
6:32	Call to order	Josette Koets
6:32	Pledge	All
6:32	Reading of previous minutes	Josette Koets
6:38	Motion to approve previous minutes	Jeff Flaws
6:38	2 nd and All are in Favor	Bruce Pogatchnik
6:39	<p>Updates from Mayor:</p> <p>Resignation of Shelly and Dawn. Chipping in by various members of the City Council. E Learning Program to educate about Planning and Zoning Commitssions by League of MN cities.</p> <p>Mayor emailed us the East central Regional Development Commission report/proposal. Mayor asks for recommendations from P&Z to City Council</p>	Dave Auchter

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6:44	Understood the plan to be, if we get approved for the funds we would move forward	Bruce Pogatchmik
6:44	Debate	All
6:48	Motion to recommend moving forward with the proposal to the City Council	Bruce Pogatchnik
6:48	2nd and All are in Favor	Jeff Flaws
6:49	Mayor introduces Mark and Judy Reiling. Just moved to Finlayson from Hayward. 42 years Navy. Retired. Recently worked in construction industry.	Dave Auchter
6:51	Mayor voices concern that the City is struggling to do zoning and site visits and the requisite approvals. He recommends Joe Okun to do these site visits on a voluntary basis as City Council members are elected and can't be compensated. Mayor solicits P&Z to recommend to the City Council to pursue this. Mayor also states that Joe Okun went to the site of Mark and Judy Reiling's proposed build and recommends approving this permit.	Dave Auchter
6:59	Motion to recommend to the City Council that Joe Okun do the zoning site visits for new building permits	Josette Koets
6:59	2 nd and All in Favor	Jeff Flaws
7:00	Motion to recommend that all routine requests go through City Council volunteer	Josette Koets
7:00	2 nd and All in Favor	Jeff Flaws
7:01	Mayor suggests a site review checklist be made and suggests P&Z makes one	Dave Auchter
7:02	Suggestion that Joe Okun is the most qualified to make this checklist	Norm Kester
7:02	Mayor suggests no further work on the blight ordinance should be done by P&Z until the Comprehensive City Plan is complete as that will define what the citizens want for their city Dennis and Nancy Liebelt have infor from other cities. They're not here. We should wait for that input.	Dave Auchter
7:07	Request for approval of the permit for Mark and Judy Reiling	Dave Auchter
7:07	Motion to approve the permit for Mark and Judy Reiling	Josette Koets
7:07	2 nd and All in Favor	Jeff Flaws

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7:08	Submits copy of document from the City of Pine River which is a communication detailing the future enforcement of a blight ordinance that was not previously enforced.	Dave Auchter
7:10	Debate: Sandstone has Serena Samuelson to enforce their blight ordinance. Josette Pine River's is a friendly, adult approach and likes this format. Jeff How do we have an orderly, nice looking community? Templates from the MN League of Cities don't necessarily work. It's a dance. Dave	All
7:15	Wasn't it the recommendation of the Mayor to wait on Blight until the conclusion of the Comprehensive Plan	Norm Kester
7:15	Debate: We should wait until the full P&Z group meets next month. Bruce We should work to collect ideas and thoughts and consider further. Jeff More debate is required on existing Blight ordinance. Jeff Blight doesn't mean anything to the average person. Can we get input from other cities? Mark and Judy Reiling	All
7:19	Map explanation of the City of Finlayson boundaries	Bruce Pogatchnik
7:21	Motion to table Blight discussion until the September meeting	Josette Koets
7:21	2 nd and all in favor	Bruce Pogatchnik
7:22	Old business-reading	Josette Koets
7:22	City clerk attended to the abandoned vehicle	Dave Auchter
7:23	New business: Focus on new laws document..pertaining to lawns	Josette Koets
7:24	General debate and awareness discussion	all
7:27	Childcare facility application discussion	Josette Koets
7:27	Debate	All
7:29	Read the line that Finlayson is a non-code enforced city. Request to check the box on the application and send back	Norm Kester
7:30	Checked box and signed	Dave Auchter
7:32	Bruce was sarcastic	Bruce Pogatchnik
7:33	Any new business	Josette Koets
7:33	Keep in mind that we are in a bit of chaos currently. But, who is going to look at blight?	Dave Auchter

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7:37	General discussioni	
7:39	We have council positions open and the Mayor position is open for election	Dave Auchter
7:41	Motion to adjourn meeting	Josette Koets
7:41	2 nd and all in favor	Jeff Flaws