

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2022 at 6:00pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Arla Johnson, Brad Tolzman, Hayden Hultman, Joel Millam, Pam Novak, Brett Freese
 - b. Others also present: Tammy Pfaff, City Manager; Norris Johnson, Milaca City Council; Dan Hollenkamp, Amy Smith, Craig and Nancy Anson, Wilmar and Jessie Rivera
2. Motion by Joel Millam and seconded by Brett Freese to approve Planning Commission Minutes from 2/7/22. Motion carried.
3. New Business
 - a. Discussion regarding conditional use permit for outdoor patio at El Jalisco. Tammy reported that some residents had sent letters in agreement with proceeding with the requested patio space. Motion made by Brett Freese, seconded by Joel Millam, to go along with Phil Carlson's recommendations of south patio setback, location, screening, and size; also the lighting and parking. Planning Commission's recommendations will go to the August 18th City Council meeting and if approved, El Jalisco can begin serving alcohol on the patio that Friday, August 19th. Work on the patio construction can begin right away.
 - b. Conditional Use Permit for The Rusty Shovel. Amy Smith discussed her business of growing and marketing flowers in the 300 block of 2nd Ave NW. City received letters from residents with no oppositions. Joel Millam questioned if Emmanuel Betinis, the owner of 355 2nd Ave NW, where flowers are grown, should be applying for a conditional use permit as well. Tammy will bring this up with Phil Carlson. Motion made and seconded by Pam Novak and Arla Johnson to accept the conditional use permit as stated. Motion carried.
 - c. Zoning changes to allow chickens and honey bees. Dan Hollenkamp distributed materials on the keeping of chickens and bees within the city limits. Much discussion was held regarding pros and cons of these matters. Motion made by Joel Millam and seconded by Brett Freese to send materials to city attorney for review and to change amendment regarding chickens and draw up amendment regarding honey bees. Motion made by Arla Johnson and seconded by Pam Novak to close the public hearing. Motion carried.
 - d. Hayden Hultman discussed the City of Milaca comprehensive plan, which he has been updating. He discussed key points of the plan.
4. Other Business
 - a. Tammy Pfaff reported Laurie Gahm is interested in becoming a member of the Planning Commission. Motion made by Arla Johnson and seconded by Brett Freese to accept nomination. Motion carried.
 - b. Tammy Pfaff reported Mille Lacs Health System is still on track to open at the former Fairview Clinic in December.
 - c. Brad Tolzman discussed the possible building of a new ALC school and questioned possible building locations within the city.

- d. S. Williams/AJW Contracting is now working on an apartment only building (no retail any longer) at 555 Hwy 23 E.
 - e. Tammy Pfaff reported going around the city with police to speak with residents about keeping unlicensed vehicles and having unsightly yards. Residents were given timelines to take care of offenses.
5. Adjournment: With no other business, motion made by Joel Millam, seconded by Arla Johnson to adjourn at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Novak