

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022

1. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Arla Johnson, Haden Hultman, Joel Millam, Pam Novak, Brett Freese, Brad Tolzman and Laurie Gahm.
 - b. Others also present: Tammy Pfaff, City Manager; Norris Johnson, Milaca City Council; Delores Katke, Dan Hollenkamp and Jesse Gerads.
2. Motion by Brett Freese and seconded by Joel Millam to accept presented minutes from the August 15, 2022 Planning Commission. Motion carried.
3. New Business:
 - a. Discussion regarding zoning change to allow chickens. Jesse Gerads spoke on behalf of the Milaca Fire Department, expressing concern over potential fires caused by heat lamps and threat of spread quickly with coops being close to property lines. Brett Freese expressed concerns over chicken and bee owners not abiding by ordinances and then the police will have to be involved in issuing citations, etc. Dan Hollenkamp expressed concern over the cost of the interim use permit, \$200, and a fence permit, \$26 along with some of the other rules that will be in the ordinance. There was much discussion on all these topics along with “green” rules for lot coverage with buildings, fencing and potentially neighbors objecting and then the request would be denied. Motion made by Laurie Gahm to make a zoning change to R1 and R2 that would allow chickens by following all ordinances. Motion seconded by Hayden Hultman. Motion carried with Brett Freese voting no and Joel Millam abstaining. Planning Commission recommendation will be sent to the October 19, 2022 city council meeting for final approval.
 - b. Discussion regarding zoning change to allow honey bees. There was much discussion and questions addressed to Dan Hollenkamp regarding bee upkeep, types of hives, etc. As we approved the zoning change for chickens, Joel Millam made the motion to change the zoning as the same for chickens to allow honey bees. Seconded by Hayden Hultman. Motion carried. Planning Commission recommendation will be sent to October 19, 2022 city council for final approval.
4. Other Business:
 - a. Next Planning Commission is October 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Tammy reported there will be many items to discuss.
5. Adjournment: With no further business, motion made by Joel Millam and seconded by Laurie Gahm to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Novak