

CITY OF MOTLEY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 20, 2015
6:00 pm – Motley City Hall

1. Call to Order - 6:00pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Pat O'Regan (Chair), Nancy Nieken, Steve Johnson, Al Yoder.
 - b. Absent: Amy Hutchison

3. Public Hearings
 - a. None

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

5. Open Forum
 - a. Sarah Nice – Storage Containers

Ms. Nice explained her desire to have a “ConEx” storage container(s) on her property at 448 3rd Ave South for approximately two years, noting that she understands they are not clearly addressed in the City zoning ordinance. Oleson noted this is an issue that he is seeing in other communities where he works and that some have developed specific ordinances with limited (60-90 day) timeframes where they allowed. Oleson explained that other portions of the City Code seem to apply and limit or prohibit the placement of portable storage containers on property. O'Regan expressed his desire to have further discussion on this issue. The Commission instructed Oleson to put the issue on the June agenda for further discussion.

6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 2015
 - b. April 2015

Action on minutes was tabled to allow for other items to be discussed on the agenda.

7. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report
 - a. None

8. Other Business
 - a. Recommendation – Massage Business/Therapist Licensing

Oleson explained that a request had been made to start a massage business in the City and that his review of the ordinance indicated that they were not explicitly addressed. He reminded the City that they had previously discussed this issue and a draft licensing ordinance had been drafted that would require a City license for certain massage

businesses and masseuses. The licensing ordinance could be adopted by the City Council without a public hearing. Zoning-related ordinance amendments regarding where in the City such businesses would be allowed would require a public hearing before the Planning Commission.

There was further discussion about the details of the draft licensing ordinance, including fees for the license, the frequency of such fees, the amount of liability insurance required of the business owner and other items.

A motion was made by Nieken, seconded by Yoder to recommend to the City Council the adoption of a licensing ordinance for massage businesses as drafted, with Oleson to research required insurance amounts in other communities as well as annual licensing fees. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion – Allowable Locations for Massage Businesses

The Commission then instructed Oleson to draft ordinance amendments to clarify where in the City massage businesses would be allowed, the procedures for approving such uses (i.e. permitted or conditional use) and creating/amending related definitions. A public hearing was to be scheduled for the regular June Planning Commission meeting.

c. Discussion – Zoning of property on Cass County side of city

Rod Enberg explained to the Commission questions relating to locating a wood processing business on the east side of the Crow Wing River near the rail road tracks. Oleson noted that the area was not zoned for industrial uses at this time and lacked public infrastructure. Discussion followed regarding various options – leaving it zoned for residential uses only or rezoning to allow for commercial/industrial uses. The Commission noted that Mr. Enberg could make an application for rezoning and that if he did, a public hearing would be required to allow for public input. Mr. Enberg said he would further research the proposed use and decide whether to make an application for rezoning.

d. Discussion – Use of land within Industrial Park

This item was tabled due to time constraints.

e. Discussion – Change in regular meeting date for Planning Commission?

Oleson noted there had been some discussion about changing the Planning Commission meeting dates. The Commission discussed, but decided to leave the meeting dates as they are now for the time being. Further discussion could occur at the June meeting about possibly changing dates.

f. Discussion – Regulation of land uses within zoning districts (if time allows)

This item was tabled due to time constraints.

9. Adjournment

On a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.