

Unapproved Minutes
Vermillion Planning Commission
Monday September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Planning Commission was called to order in the conference room at City Hall on September 28, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Fairholm, Forseth, Howe, Magee, Muenster, Tuve, and Iverson.
Absent: Reasoner and Schempp.

Also present were Farrel Christensen, Building Official, Jose Dominguez, City Engineer and Andrew Colvin, Assistant to the City Manager.

2. Minutes

a. August 24, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Moved by Fairholm to approve the August 24, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Magee. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Forseth to adopt the agenda, seconded by Howe. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Visitors to be Heard

5. Public Hearing

No Public Hearings.

6. Old Business

No Old Business.

7. New Business

a. City Standards for Street Construction.

City Engineer Jose Dominguez presented street and pavement typical sections. Jose indicated that the City Council requested the sections be sent to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

The Planning Commission discussed the different classifications of streets, the requirement of concrete versus asphalt, potential incentives to alleviate the extra cost, and a pavement replacement plan for the City.

Moved by Muenster to recommend approval of the street and pavement typical sections, seconded by Forseth. Discussion on the motion followed.

Moved by Forseth to end discussion and call the question. Motion failed 6-1.

Forseth moved a substitute motion to recommend approval of the street typical sections, seconded by Howe. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion followed regarding pavement types and the ability of asphalt to be substituted for concrete. Jose indicated that current ordinance requires concrete to be used for all new pavement construction. The Planning Commission discussed the possibility of amending ordinance to provide for equivalent asphalt construction.

Moved by Howe to request that staff and the City Council consider an amended ordinance that provides for other materials in addition to Portland cement concrete for street construction, as long as such materials meet the standards set by the City Engineer, seconded by Tuve. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Work Session for Comprehensive Plan Revision.

Toby Brown, Planner with SECOG, stated that he would like to develop a schedule for updating the comprehensive plan. Toby discussed different methods of obtaining public input, in addition to public hearings. Toby also informed the commission that the City Council has approved a consultant to move forward with a storm water study for areas north of highway 50, adjacent to City limits. The Planning Commission also discussed a vision for what Vermillion should look like, the types of industries locating in the community, future land uses, housing types, and redevelopment of existing areas in the community.

8. Staff Reports

9. Adjourn

Moved by Forseth to adjourn, seconded by Howe. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Iverson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.