

Unapproved Minutes
Vermillion Planning Commission
Monday January 25, 2010 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Planning Commission was called to order in the conference room at City Hall on January 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

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

Also present were Jose Dominguez, City Engineer and Andy Colvin, Assistant to the City Manager.

2. Minutes

a. January 11, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Moved by Muenster to approve the January 11, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Tuve. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Andy indicated that Toby will not be present to coordinate the Comprehensive Plan work session due to the weather conditions. The Comprehensive Plan work session was removed from the agenda. Moved by Tuve to adopt the agenda, seconded by Forseth. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Visitors to be Heard

5. Public Hearing

6. Old Business

7. New Business

a. Work Session

- 1) Presentation of Sanitary Sewer Study - Harold Holoch
- 2) Discussion of Overlay District concept for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance - Jose Dominguez and Andy Colvin.

Harold Holoch, Utilities Engineer briefed the Planning Commission on how the current sanitary sewer system works. Harold then presented the results of a recent study of servable areas adjacent to City limits, and reviewed the feasibility of developing areas within City limits and where future growth could be served.

Andy and Jose gave a general outline of Overlay Districts, which can be incorporated as a goal in the comprehensive plan. Andy informed the commission members that overlay districts can be used in many areas of town, including the central business district, historical neighborhoods, and entrances to the community. Andy also discussed the involvement of

property and business owners in the development of overlay districts, noting that a neighborhood can essentially define itself and provide more specific development standards than what the zoning ordinance requires. The Planning Commission looked favorably on the concept and reached a general consensus to include the provision to create overlay districts as a goal in the comprehensive plan.

8. Staff Reports

Andy provided an update on the status of the Joint Jurisdictional ordinance with Clay County. Andy informed the members that the City Council suggested Don Forseth, Ted Muenster, and Matt Fairholm to attend a series of meetings on behalf of the Planning Commission to work out an acceptable ordinance. Andy indicated that if this was agreeable to the other members that arrangements would be made to meet with representatives from the City Council, Clay County Planning Commission and Clay County Commission to work on the proposed ordinance.

9. Adjourn

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

Chairman Iverson declared the meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.