

Unapproved Minutes
Vermillion Planning Commission
Monday, May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Iverson in the Large Conference Room at City Hall on May 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. This was also a joint meeting with the Clay County Planning Commission.

1. Roll Call

Present: Fairholm, Forseth, Gruhn, Muenster, Manning, Oehler, Tuve and Iverson. Absent: None.

Staff present: Andy Colvin, Assistant City Manager and Jose Dominguez, City Engineer.

2. Minutes

a. March 29, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Moved by Fairholm to approve the March 29, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Oehler. Motion carried 8-0.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Tuve to adopt the agenda, seconded by Fairholm. Motion carried 8-0.

4. Visitors to be Heard

5. Public Hearing

a. Joint Jurisdiction Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Amending Appendix A, 2012 Joint Zoning Regulations for Clay County and the City of Vermillion, Chapter 2, Section 2.03(A) Zoning Map, by including certain real property in the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone A - Aquifer Critical Impact Zone. (Joint item with Clay County Planning Commission)

Chairman Iverson opened the public hearing for the City.

Cindy Aden reported to the Joint group that the Lewis and Clark Water system has submitted an application to include certain property within the Zone A Aquifer Critical Impact Zone overlay category.

Jim Auen, speaking on behalf of Lewis and Clark, provided some background on the proposed amendment. Jim indicated that the amendment is necessary to protect Lewis and Clark's wells from potential contamination by prohibiting some uses, such as Chemigation and spreading of waste for fertilizer.

Grant Sorensen, 219 Sorensen Avenue, asked about the current zoning and why it needs to be changed. Grant stated that he feels the zoning should be left alone and that the proposed amendment may devalue their property since some uses that are possible now will no longer be possible if adopted. Sorensen also stated that he is concerned about the ability of the City to provide the bio-solids from the treatment plant for spreading as fertilizer.

Clay County Planning Commission members expressed concern about future loss of value for farmland.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Muenster to recommend approval of the amendment to the City Council, seconded by Tuve. Motion carried 8-0.

The Clay County Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment to the Clay County Commissioners. The action was approved by a vote of 3-2.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Adjourn

Moved by Forseth to adjourn, seconded by Fairholm. Motion carried 8-0. Iverson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.