

Unapproved Minutes

Vermillion Planning and Zoning Commission

Monday, February 27, 2023 Joint Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

The joint meeting of the Vermillion Planning and Zoning Commission and the Clay County Planning Commission was called to order in the Powell Conference Room at City Hall on February 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

City Planning and Zoning Commissioners Present: O'Kelley, Forseth, Steele, Tuve, Merrigan, Heggstad, Gestring.

City Planning and Zoning Commissioners Absent: Wilson, Fitzgerald

City Staff present: José Domínguez, City Engineer; Kalin Bird, Building Official

2. Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Gestring to adopt the February 13, 2023 meeting minutes as published, seconded by Merrigan. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Forseth noted that he owns investment property in Vermillion.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Heggstad to adopt the agenda as published, seconded by Tuve. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Visitors to be Heard

Commissioner Gestring informed the Commission that today's meeting will be his last one as he is moving outside of City limits.

6. Joint Public Hearings

- a. Ordinance 1479 - Amending the 2012 Joint Zoning Regulations for Clay County and the City of Vermillion by Amending Chapter 14 Amendments and Change of Zone; Section 14.03 Hearing by Planning Commissions; and Section 14.04 Hearing by Board of County Commissioners and City Council.

Dominguez stated that the County and the City had been working on several amendments to the JJZA zoning ordinance. These amendments had been discussed during informational meetings on August 29th and November 28th, 2022. The amendment being considered was discussed at those meetings. Dominguez further explained that the proposed amendment would make all meetings joint rather than both governing bodies meeting separately for the first reading of an ordinance and then jointly for the second reading of the ordinance. Dominguez also stated that the amendment would require notifications be sent to affected property owners regarding all change of zone requests, including requests initiated by government agencies. Dominguez recommended that the Commission recommend approval of ordinance 1479 as presented by Staff.

Forseth opened the floor to public comment.

Mr. Nick Slattery (1341 E SD Hwy 50) asked for a brief explanation on what the process would be in the future if the amendment would be approved by all bodies. Dominguez explained that all of the meetings would be joint (Commission meetings and the governing body meetings) rather than just the Commission meeting and the second reading of ordinances. Discussion followed.

Moved by Merrigan to recommend the Council adopt ordinance 1479 as presented, seconded by Heggestad. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Joint New Business

None

8. Joint Old Business

None

9. City Public Hearings

None

10. City Old Business

None

11. City New Business

None

12. Staff Report

Dominguez reported on how the discussions between the Committee comprise of County Board of Commissioners, County Planning and Zoning Commissioners, City Council, and City Planning and Zoning Commissioners was going. The Committee was created to discuss possible amendments to the JJZA Comprehensive Plan.

Dominguez also spoke about the following projects: Prentis and Cotton Park Shelters, Lions Park Renovations, Prentis Park Outfield Renovations.

13. Adjourn

Moved by Tuve to adjourn, seconded by Heggestad. Motion carried 7-0, Forseth declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.