

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Mayor Breunig, Don Osterday, Felix Perez, Jeremy Williams and Kerry Black. Excused absence: Deb Pickett and Dave Meister. Also present were: John Sonsalla, Cindy Corley, Jim Mathys and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Black second by Williams that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Perez second by Black to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a conditional use permit request to operate a retail sales operation at the address of 121 Pelco Drive. A copy of a letter from Attorney Nathan Russell on behalf of Jim and Judy Mathys was included in the agenda packet. Jim Mathys attended the meeting to present his request and answer questions. It was reported the commercial property located at 121 Pelco Drive is within the Business Park zoning district. According to City Ordinance 9.16 (6), a retail sales operation is permissible in the Business Park zoning district under a conditional use permit. Jim and Judy Mathys are requesting the conditional use permit be granted to them for as long as they operate the proposed business; and the conditional use permit shall continue if the property is transferred to any of their immediate family members or to a business entity primarily owned by them or a member of their immediate family.

Jim Mathys then explained they are purchasing the Pelco Drive property to relocate their Ace Hardware business to this new location. He stated his business has outgrown their current location, and they don't have sufficient store space to display all the items they want to sell. The property purchase date is August 10, 2015, and they are requesting the conditional use permit approval prior to their purchase of the property. Jim then stated they plan on moving into the new location in March, 2016. He also said the buildings he owns on Main Street will be put up for sale.

Several questions were asked by those present. Several Plan Commission members expressed concern over how this move will affect the Main Street business district. However, they also stated this move is good for Jim and Judy Mathys and their hardware business, and they didn't want to stand in their way from improving/expanding their business. After discussion and consideration, motion by Black second by Perez to recommend to the City Council the approval of the conditional use permit request to operate a retail sales operation at the address of 121 Pelco Drive as presented, for as long as they operate the proposed business; and continue if the property is transferred to any of their immediate family members or to a business entity primarily owned by them or a member of their immediate family. By Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Williams second by Pereza to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer