

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Mayor Breunig, Bev Anderson, Bob Salmi, Kerry Black and Deb Pickett. Excused absence: Don Osterday and Peg North. Also present were: John Sonsalla, Steve Pickett, Cindy Corley and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Anderson second by Pickett that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Pickett second by Anderson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried. Don Osterday arrived at the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Under new business, a review of the City's Comprehensive Plan was held. A copy of the implementation chapter of the plan was included in the agenda packet. Discussion was then held concerning development goals, objectives and policies included in the plan; including but not limited to housing and neighborhood development. Discussion items included the following:

- Concerns were raised about residential development outside the city limits. Plats have been approved under the city's extraterritorial zoning rights; however these land owners were not required to annex into the city.
- It was suggested a plan should be developed to encourage residential development within the city limits.
- Discussion was held concerning who is responsible to implement the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan. Mayor Breunig stated everyone is responsible.
- A timetable for implementation of the goals and objectives is included in Chapter 9 of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Discussion was also held regarding property annexation; cost of water main and sewer main extensions; who is and who should be responsible for those costs; and the city nor the utilities have funds available to fund the development costs.
- Land adjacent to the city limits is available to purchase. Should the city purchase the land for development?
- Information was presented about residential development that took place in Benton and Cuba City. Other successful communities could be contacted to find out what worked well for them; such as the City of Reedsburg.

Cindy Corley left the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Another idea raised was the need to develop residential growth within the city limits. Abandoned residential properties could be acquired, repaired and sold; or torn down and sell the building lot. Improvements to residential units could be handled by the creation of a housing authority, with loan funds from the state. Other suggestions was to use the resources of the Laf. Development Corp., or University Extension office to come up with ideas for community development.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Pickett second by Black to schedule another Plan Commission meeting for Tuesday, July 27, 2010; and invite Ken Harwood from Laf. Development Corp. to present information about housing authorities. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Anderson second by Black to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. Motion carried.

CITY OF DARLINGTON

Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer