

Minutes
of the
NORTH MANKATO PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
North Mankato, Minnesota
February 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the North Mankato Planning Commission was held at 7 p.m., February 13, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Planning Commission Members present: Chair Stephanie Stoffel, Corey Brunton, Jason Beal, Randy King, Nick Meyer and Jason Ceminsky. Staff members present: City Attorney Chris Kennedy and Community Development Director Mike Fischer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beal, seconded by Commissioner Ceminsky, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019, regular meeting of the North Mankato Planning Commission. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Z-1-20, A Request to Zone Part of Northport No. 21 as M-2, Heavy Industrial

Staff presented a request to zone 3.58-acres of land which was purchased by the North Mankato Port Authority in 2019 and subsequently annexed into the City for future industrial development. The property has been platted as part of Northport No 21. Staff indicated that it is necessary to zone the property based on its intended use. Staff advised that the requested M-2 zoning is both consistent with the guided zoning for the area and the existing area zoning. It was moved by Commissioner Brunton, seconded by Commissioner King, to approve Z-1-20. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Staff recognized Matt Lassonde from Bolton & Menk who will be assisting in updating the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. As part of the process he will be presenting revised data and updated options to the Planning Commission throughout 2020 on a bi-monthly basis, beginning in March. Chair Stoffel and Commissioner Meyer asked questions about the process and were informed that each chapter will be reviewed and compared to the goals set five years ago. The goals would then need to be evaluated by the Commission and discussed with the public at various open houses and online forums in order to set new goals and policies. Mr. Lassonde also discussed the work he is doing with the City to create a Northwest planning study.

Other Business

Staff presented the Commission with the 2019 End-of-Year Planning & Zoning Report, which summarized all plats, variances, CUPs, and rezonings considered by the Planning Commission in 2019. The report also contained the 2019 Issued Building Permits Year-to-Date data.

Additionally, staff provided an update on the ongoing natural lawn/pollinator habitat discussion including the engagement of the Greenspace Committee. It was noted that there will be upcoming educational workshops for the public in the future.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Beal, seconded by Commissioner Brunton, to adjourn. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Secretary



acting Chairperson