

Minutes
of the
NORTH MANKATO PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
North Mankato, Minnesota
October 8, 2020

A regular meeting of the North Mankato Planning Commission was held at 7 p.m., October 8, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. City Administrator Harrenstein on March 31, 2020, under MN Statute Section 13D.021, declared the use of electronic meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following were present remotely through Zoom for roll call: Chair Stephanie Stoffel, Nick Meyer, Jason Beal and Don Westphal. Staff members present: Council Representative Sandra Oachs, City Attorney Chris Kennedy and Community Development Director Mike Fischer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beal, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020, regular meeting of the North Mankato Planning Commission. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Review of draft Northwest Growth Area Plan

Staff introduced City Planner Matt Lassonde, formerly of Bolton & Menk, to present the Northwest Growth Area Plan. Lassonde explained that the Plan pertained to the areas surrounding the Highway 14/ County Road 41 interchange. The intent is to have the plan reviewed by City Council on October 19, 2020, and then to have an online Public Forum sometime thereafter. Per Lassonde, the highly developable agricultural land in this area would be targeted for future Industrial/Commercial development north of Highway 14 and primarily residential development south of Highway 14. Lassonde presented various land use scenarios for this area including a market analysis. Commissioners asked questions regarding the type of commercial development expected, future Highway 14 interchanges, the Huntley-Wilmarth transmission line, future Highway 14 expansion, potential school sites, population growth, and definition of heavy industrial. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Meyer, seconded by Commissioner Beal, to approve the draft of the Northwest Growth Area Plan. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Beal, seconded by Commissioner Westphal, to adjourn. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary