

City of Tomah Planning Commission Minutes

The City of Tomah Planning Commission met in regular session on Thursday, July 27th, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI. Mayor Nellie Pater called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- 1) Roll call was taken with Commissioners: Mary Ann Komiskey, Bryan Meyer, and Nellie Pater. Brian Rice arrived at 5:36 PM, quorum present. Absent: Tina Thompson, Tim Callahan and Travis Scholze
Also present: City Inspector, Shane Rolff, City Administrator Roger Gorius and Andrew Bremer.
- 2) Motion by Meyer, seconded by Pater, to approve minutes from previous meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 3) A public hearing was opened at 5:37 PM to consider amendments to the City of Tomah Zoning Code, Chapter 52 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. Those amendments include adopting a Downtown Design Standards Overlay Zoning District, Sec. 52-42.

Andrew Bremer, MSA, present to discuss the Downtown Design Standards. There were many questions from residents from the downtown area. Don Tralmer, asked if Gen. 3 will be required to follow the standards while erecting their new building. Yes, any new building erected in the downtown district will have to follow the new standards. Dean Kulas, owner of Funky Monkey, wanted to know if current businesses in the downtown district would be grandfathered in (when it came to repairing paint/siding). Current businesses would have to follow standards, unless its minor touch ups, failure to do so could result in a violation of zoning code. Commission member Bryan Meyer asked if MSA has done this in other areas. Yes, areas such as Mauston, La Crosse, Reedsburg and Wisconsin Dells. There was no further discussion.

Public hearing closed at 6:30 PM

- 4) Discussion and recommendation related to the amendments to the City of Tomah Zoning Code, Chapter 52 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. Those amendments include adopting a Downtown Design Standards Overlay Zoning District, Sec. 52-42.
Motion by Meyer, seconded by Pater, to approve the amendments to the City of Tomah Zoning Code, Chapter 52 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. Those amendments include adopting a Downtown Design Standards Overlay Zoning District, Sec. 52-42. All ayes. Motion passed.

- 5) A public hearing was opened at 6:33 PM to consider amendments to the City of Tomah Zoning Code, Chapter 52 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. Those amendments include allowing certain reductions in the number of required parking spaces for new development located within the Study Area of the City of Tomah Downtown Master Plan, Sec. 52-116(11)

Andrew Bremer explained that this would amendment would help the new development (Gen. 3) satisfy the parking requirements. This would not reduce the number of handicap stalls.

Public hearing closed at 6:37 PM.

- 6) Discussion and recommendation related to the amendments to the City of Tomah Zoning Code, Chapter 52 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. Those amendments include allowing certain reductions in the number of required parking spaces for new development located within the Study Area of the City of Tomah Downtown Master Plan, Sec. 52-116(11)

Motion by Meyer, seconded by rice, to approve the amendments to the City of Tomah Zoning Code, Chapter 52 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances. Those amendments include allowing certain reductions in the number of required parking spaces for new development located within the Study Area of the City of Tomah Downtown Master Plan, Sec. 52-116(11). All ayes. Motion passed.

- 7) Discussion on amending our current fence ordinance was tabled until next meeting.

Motion by Rice, seconded by Meyer, to table agenda item number 7 until the August meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

- 8) Motion by Meyer, seconded by Komiskey, to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Date:

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