

December 12, 2015

CITY OF WASHBURN SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

9:00 AM Washburn City Hall

Present: City Council Members: Kristy M. Jensch, Christine M. Kelly, Jennifer Maziasz, Mary Nowakowski, Jeremy, Oswald Mary McGrath

Municipal Personnel: Mayor Scott A. Griffiths, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, Assistant City Administrator Dan Stoltman

Excused Absence: Linda S. Barnes

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Mayor Griffiths. Roll call attendance depicted six (6) of seven (7) members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized.

Discussion on Western Engraving Inc. Zoning. Donald Jenicek of Western Engraving spoke on the new zoning code of his business, and would like to see the zone continue on as "light industrial". Options for Western Engraving Inc. were discussed. Under the new zoning code, Western Engraving would either have to be issued a condition use permit, extend the new commercial zoning area to include their business and include the type of they do as permissible in the new C-3 Downtown Commercial, or leave their property as a standalone light industrial area. Mr. Jenicek does not want be a non-conforming business. The Council and Mayor agreed the best way to move forward would be to extend the C-3 Downtown Commercial District to the Western Engraving location, and add what they do as permissible in the new C-3 zone. This will require a comprehensive plan change.

Discussion on new zoning code district R-1 rural residential.

- A discussion was had concerning the definition of what an animal "unit" is, and if that should be revisited and redefined. Council member Kelly stated that the current definition doesn't allow for enough animals for "Bio Dynamic Farming". Kelly stated that she would like to see a dedicated agricultural zone for activities such as "Bio Dynamic Farming", perhaps zoning in the north east R-1 district as an agricultural zoned district. Concern was raised over having a dedicated agricultural zoned district. The mayor and Council members asked council member Kelly to provide them with more information on agricultural districts, animal density and Bio Dynamic Farming.
- A discussion was had on group day care center. Council believes group day care center should be conditional in the R-1 and R-2 district, and permitted in C-1.
- Campgrounds were discussed and was concluded that they are permitted where they are so the city campgrounds continue to be successful.
- A discussion was had on resorts. It was concluded that a resort should be conditional in R-1. It was also stated that in the development standards in R-1, a requirement of a resort in R-1 to hook up to city sewer and water should be added.
- A discussion was had on landscape businesses. It was stated that it should be permitted in C-1. It was stated that the C-2 district in the upper north east corner be changed to C-1, and change what's permitted so to allow the current businesses there to be in compliance. This will require a comprehensive plan change.
- A discussion was had on outdoor entertainment. It was stated that the definition of outdoor entertainment be changed to reflect more realistic outdoor entertainment possibilities such as theatres. It was stated to add outdoor entertainment to C-1 and mixed waterfront residential as a conditional use.
- A discussion was had on animal shelters. It was discussed removing animal shelters from R-1 and conditional use in I-1 (Light Industrial).
- More discussion was had on the R-1 concerning Flood Plain, regulatory setbacks for animals from Flood Plains, and cluster housing vs subdivision developments.

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 pm was made by McGrath, second by Maziasz. Motion carried.

Dan Stoltman
Assistant City Administrator