

February 6, 2016
8:00 AM Washburn City Hall
Present: City Council Members:

CITY OF WASHBURN SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Linda S. Barnes, Kristy M. Jensch, Christine M. Kelly, Mary McGrath,
Jennifer Maziasz, Jeremy P. Oswald (late 8:45am)

Municipal Personnel:

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

Excused Absence:

Mary C. Nowakowski

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Mayor Scott A. Griffiths. Roll call attendance depicted five (5) of seven (7) members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized.

Continued Public Hearing, Discussion & Action, Ordinance 15-014 Amending Title 13 of the City of Washburn Municipal Zoning Code and Making Other Revisions to Other Part of the Municipal Code in Conflict or Related to Title 13 as Herein Amended- No one was in attendance to speak at the public hearing.

- A discussion was had on s. 8-69(a) of Appendix B. Dimensional standards. It was discussed reducing the minimum living area per dwelling unit from 700 sq. ft. to 400 sq. ft. There was no consensus on this topic. It was asked of the administration to seek advice from the consultants at Civi Tek about small homes around 400 sq. ft., and how to make an exception for them in the code.
- A discussion was had on the requirement of new residential homes to have a two car garage. A motion was made by Jensch to remove the two car garage requirement of new residential single family homes, second by McGrath. Motion carried 5-1 Oswald opposed.
- *A discussion was had on maximum impervious coverage and stormwater runoff. This topic was tabled and was asked to seek guidance from Civi Tek.
- A discussion was had on s. 8-63 minimum lot width of Appendix B. Dimensional Standards. A motion was made by Oswald to revert R-6 back to its original zoned minimum lot width of 50ft, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.
- A discussion was had on protecting endangered and threatened species in section 8-121 site restrictions. A motion was made by Kelly to add threatened and endangered species to section 8-121 site restrictions, second by Jensch. Motion carried unanimously.
- On page 8-17(h), it was discussed adding rain catchment systems, and cold frames to the list. Also was discussed having the definition of cold frames added. “A cold frame is a transparent-roofed enclosure, built low to the ground, used to protect plants from adverse weather, primarily excessive cold or wet”.
- It was suggested to add structures such as Green House, Bat Apartments, Pergolas, gazebo, treehouse, play house, detached deck to the accessory building list. It was also stated that we ask Civi Tek for a better definition of “accessory building”, so to clarify what is or isn’t an accessory. Three accessory buildings means three total with no garage, or two accessory buildings plus one garage.
- On page 8-23 it was stated to ask Civi Tek about section 8-122 (building grade).
- It was asked if the City has a municipal code for section 8-125 (erosion and sediment control) and 8-126 (stormwater control) on page 8-24.

- A discussion was had on section 8-163(2) on page 8-26. The concern was that the current language wouldn't allow for a home to be built oriented south facing the sun for energy efficient reasons. A motion was made by Jensch to add the language "at the discretion of the zoning administrator exceptions to this provision can be made based on energy efficiency and solar orientation considerations", second by Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Oswald to adjourn at 12:15pm, second by Jensch. Carried unanimously.

Dan Stoltman
Assistant City Administrator