

# CITY OF HARRIS

## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

### OCTOBER 4, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** The Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman John Rossini.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All present participated in the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call:** Chairman Rossini conducted roll call. Present were Chairman Rossini, Commissioners Siedow and Olson. A quorum was present. Commissioner Peterson arrived at 7:15 pm and Commissioner Williams arrived at 8:15 pm.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Commissioner Olson made the motion to approve the September 9, 2021, Minutes. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** None.
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
  - **Laird Mork:** Mr. Mork stated he was checking to see what the process would be for building a house on the south end of his property. He has 680 feet of road frontage on the south end of the property. He would like to split it to 2.5 acres. He will need to have a septic design and an alternate septic site. Commissioner Peterson stated he is concerned about smaller lots. He stated he has an acre lot and has a mound system but is concerned if it should fail, he does not have an alternate site. Mr. Mork stated he thinks the County requires a certain amount of road frontage. Rossini stated we will have to change the Ordinance from a 5-acre minimum to a 2.5 acre minimum in case this comes up again. The Planning Commission would like a plat layout, a general drawing. Also is there room for two mound systems if that's what the county recommends. Mr. Mork said he is just basically looking into this and seeing what can or has to be done. Rossini said he will talk to the City Council.
  - **MSA Zoning Report:** The Planning Commission reviewed the written report.

- **Chisago County – Accessory Structures and Use Provisions:** The Commission reviewed Chisago County Planning Commission’s consideration of Zoning Ordinance Amendment. The proposed amendment would allow a residential accessory structure to be constructed prior to and/or within 3 years of construction of the principal structure (home) on the property. The City Planning Commission is interested in following up with the County for the final version if it passes. If the City of Harris were interested in adopting this type of Ordinance, they have some concerns regarding how we could enforce no one living in the accessory structure, and what happens if the principal structure is not built within 3 years.
- **2021 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Survey:** The Commission discussed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Survey from East Central Regional Development Commission. This survey is asking for prioritized list of the projects the City is working on. The Planning Commission prioritized the list as follows: 1. A new well. 2. Water Tower Improvement Plan. 3. Water looping. 4. Broadband. 5. Downtown Redevelopment.
- **Signage Policy:** No update.

VII. **Old Business:** None.

VIII. **Commissioner Reports:** None.

IX. **Adjourn:** Motion by Commissioner Peterson to adjourn. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Chairman Rossini adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

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City Clerk

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John Rossini  
Planning Commission Chair

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Date Approved