

Harris Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 6, 2022

- I. **Call to Order**– The Planning Commission was called to order at 7:03 pm by Commissioner Rossini.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**– All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call** – City Clerk Shannon Geier conducted roll call. Present were Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Borash, and Commissioner Rossini. Chair Siedow and Commissioner Williams were absent. A quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**- Peterson made a motion to approve the May 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Borash seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment** – Rich Bipes, President of Gopher Rifle and Revolver Club (GRRC), are acquiring the Schultz property on June 30, 2022. The GRRC is concerned about 450th and Falcon and worried about the public gaining access to GRRC. They would like to vacate the road or, if not, vacate put a gate up so the general public cannot access the road. The clerk read the information about minimum maintenance road ordinance. The GRRC would like a gate and give key access to Harris Public Works and the other property owner. The city will research and will be in touch with GRRC.

The GRRC is looking for the Conditional use permit that was issued back when they purchased the property. There is no CUP in the files. In R2 at the time GRRC purchased the land there was not CUP for gun or revolver ranges in the ordinance. The GRRC is going to look for a better date so we can search our records to see what we have listed for a CUP.
- VI. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. **Final Accessory Structure Ordinance before sending it to the City Council for review** – Proofing the ordinance to make sure it is ready for Council to review and make suggestions.
 - B. **Final Downtown Redevelopment overlay zone review** – The overlay is not exactly the way the commission wants it to look. The commissioners need to go back to Claire and ask questions. Questions that need clarification are: is business use only allowed on 1st floor? Is residential only allowed on 2nd and 3rd floors? What if a business wants to use a 2nd floor, will that be allowed? Also, paragraph 2 under permitted uses, starting with Property may be developed solely for residential use.... etc...that paragraph is confusing to the commission. The commission would like a copy of a map, so they know where the overlay is going to be used?

- C. **Vacant Building Registration Program** – Talked about how this program will work in Harris. What if the vacant building owner does not do the program? Who will enforce it? The city (i.e., the clerk) would assess the \$1000 and her time to get them on the program. There are currently three or four vacant buildings that would/could be on the vacant building program. The commission would want to encourage the people to not have vacant buildings. If they do have the property listed, they would not have to pay the fee. It should be fair market value. The clerk will check to see what type of ordinance would need to be added to potentially use it in Harris.
- D. **Solar ordinance** – The current solar access ordinance for Harris was reviewed along with the Chisago County solar ordinance. The commission was wondering what if someone wants to start a solar farm? Can they do solar farms in Harris? If a homeowner wants to put up a solar panel on their property, can they do it in Harris? The commission decided they are going to read Chisago County Ordinance and we will talk about it next month.
- VII. **Commissioner Reports**- Mayor will not be at the next City Council meeting (June 13). Jeff will not be at the next Planning Commission meeting (July 7th).
- VIII. **Adjourn**- Borash made a motion to adjourn. Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Commissioner Rossini adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Allen Siedow - Chair

Date Approved