

# PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the August 12, 2010 meeting:

COMMISSION MEMBERS:     John Friedmeyer, Chair             Claire Abbott  
                                  Jim Niemantsverdriet             Charles Bricher  
                                  Rollin Hall                             Ron Benson  
                                  Brian Wodele

STAFF PRESENT:         Molly Patterson-Lundgren, City Planner  
                                  Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 12, 2010

Commissioner Friedmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Roll found all members present except Commissioner Benson.

Commissioners Wodele and Bricher moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2010 regular meeting as submitted. Adopted unanimously.

## **Changes/Additions**

Molly requested general announcement additions under other business items 9B, C and D

## **Old Business**

Allowing chickens within platted areas of the city was discussed. The item was tabled at the last meeting and brought back for further discussion. Commissioners discussed who would regulate; how many chickens would be allowed; and changing the animal and zoning ordinances. Staff explained that the animal ordinance would need to be changed because as it is written right now chickens are defined as farm animals and then states that farm animals are not allowed in any part of the platted areas of the city. After all discussion, it was decided that chickens should be regulated thru the police department via the animal ordinance and the related zoning issues, i.e. setbacks/buildings should be regulated thru the zoning ordinance.

Commissioners Hall and Wodele moved to direct staff to forward the proposed animal ordinance with changes discussed to the city council and recommend approval to allow chickens in the platted areas of the city. Adopted unanimously.

Staff will also draft a memo and will have Chief Kruger also provide a memo to council to accompany the proposed animal ordinance.

Staff will draft zoning ordinance changes and bring them back to the commission.

The Subdivision Ordinance was discussed. Molly provided commission members with information on walkways and sidewalks. Commissioners discussed the information provided.

## **New Business - None**

## **Board of Adjustment**

Commissioners set a public hearing for Wednesday September 1, 2010 at 10:00 am to discuss an application for variance submitted by David Wodele.

There were no sign permits issued since the last meeting.

## **Other Business**

Molly made the following announcements:

1. MNAPA Conference scheduled for September 22-24 in Mankato

2. Mississippi River Bicycle Trail Meetings next week Tuesday in Winona
3. Walk to Win Final Event is Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup>

Molly brought forward a request for consideration she received. A resident would like to tear down their current garage and rebuild, however they would not meet current setbacks. They would like the commission to consider amending the ordinance to change setback requirements. They would not meet variance criteria either.

Commissioner Hall announced that a couple Wabasha residents would be attending the Main Street Program seminar in Red Wing. He also announced and thanked Wabasha resident Norm Bussian for raising money for new dugouts at the athletic field.

Commissioner Abbott brought forward for discussion the trees at the Eagle Basin project. She said that the trees have electric tape wrapped around them. Staff will talk to public works dept. about removing the tape.

Commissioner Hall requested an update on the jail landscaping and impound lot. Staff said that the remaining landscaping for the jail was to be determined based on this winter plowing efforts and that the impound lot was complete.

Commissioner Friedmeyer thanked staff for forwarding the information on re-use studies.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

Having no other business, by unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant