

WABASHA PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting
March 18, 2015 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Commission Members: Brian Wodele, Chair Scott Durand
 Craig Falkum, Vice Chair Charles Bricher
 Jim Miller Tim Wallerich
 Dave Kruger

Staff Present: Molly Patterson-Lundgren, Contracted Planner
 Wendy Busch, Planning & Zoning Assistant

Others Present: Mayor Rollin Hall

1) Call to Order

Chair Wodele called the special meeting for March 18, 2015 to order at 7:00pm. Roll found all commissioners present except Tim Wallerich.

Commissioner Falkum made a motion to allow for public comment. Limiting the public comment to two minute per person and asking that if you've already made a public comment not to repeat those comments. Discussion. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

The Commission moved forward with reviewing the concerns provided.

2) Review of mining ordinance concerns with Molly Patterson-Lundgren.

Molly provided the commission with a spreadsheet that broke down each area of concern, who provided the concern, and notes from both City Attorney and consultants.

The commission provided discussion on items 1- 64 and made recommendations that will be attached to the minutes and once approved in its final version will be forwarded to City Council.

Molly will work with the City Attorney regarding the existing mine requirements.

Commissioners Durand and Falkum made a motion to recess the special meeting at 9:42pm till Tuesday March 24th at 6pm at Wabasha City Hall. Adopted unanimously.

Chair Wodele reconvened the special meeting on Tuesday March 24, 2015 at 6:03pm. Roll found all members present except Tim Wallerich.

Staff present: Chad Springer, City Administrator
Molly Patterson-Lundgren, Contracted Planner
Peter Ekstrand, City Attorney
Wendy Busch, Planning & Zoning Assistant

Others Present: Mayor Rollin Hall

The commission continued discussing each item of concern on the spread sheet Molly had originally provided. Topics on blasting, banning silica sand operations and legal non-conforming operation requirements were discussed.

City Attorney Ekstrand commented on Legal Non-Conforming. "All existing mines at the time of adoption of the ordinance shall provide the following information, in the event you do not provide this information the City of Wabasha will make a determination based on our own investigation."

Molly will work with Peter to finalize the Legal Non-Conforming issue and bring it back to the planning commission for their review.

The topic of a Ban of silica sand mining in the ordinance in items 98-111 & 117-119 was discussed. The commission as a whole agreed that a ban should not be included in the current mining ordinance. Staff suggested a separate motion to City Council regarding the issue as the moratorium on Silica Sand will run out in June and should City Council wish for further assistance from the Planning Commission time would be sensitive.

Chair Wodele made a motion that we recommend to the City Council to not include a straight out ban in the current mining ordinance and asked them if they would direct the Planning Commission to look for alternative ways to do a ban as a separate ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Durand. Discussion.

Chair Wodele amended the motion on the table to: The Planning Commission strongly recommends to the City Council not including the ban in the current mining ordinance. Seconded by Commission Durand.

Ayes – Wodele, Falkum, Kruger, Durand, Miller
Nyes – Bricher
The motion passed 5 to 1.

The commission asked Molly to finalize all the recommended edits discussed and produce the draft for a final review at the regularly scheduled April 14th meeting before forwarding it on to City Council.

The final draft of changes will be attached to the minutes.

3) Adjourn –

Having no other business to discuss Commissioners Durand and Falkum made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Wendy Busch, Planning & Zoning Assistant

Adopted Date