

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF JORDAN
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

Present: Tom Sand, Gene Flynn, Sally Schultz, Jeff Will, Brenda Lieske. Absent: Donna Breeggemann.

Also Present: Laura Holey, Andrew Barbes, Joanne Foust

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sand called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Sally Schultz seconded by Gene Flynn to approve the agenda as presented. Opposed: None. Motion approved.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 9, Planning Commission Minutes

Motion by Sally Schultz seconded by Gene Flynn to approve the September 9, Planning Commission Minutes as presented. Opposed: None. Motion approved.

B. September 29, Planning Special Minutes

Motion by Sally Schultz seconded by Gene Flynn to approve the September 29, 2015 Planning Special Minutes. Opposed: None. Motion approved.

4.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

A. Design Review- 109 Water Street

Planner Holey presented the memo providing an overview of the new awning proposed at 109 Water Street. Commissioners commented on the green color of the awning but agreed with what was proposed. Holey noted the awning will project out three feet, which is allowed by the ordinance and have 8'8" clearance from the sidewalk as required.

Commissioner Sand and Schultz had questions about the sign ordinance and asked staff to bring the current language to the next meeting for review.

Motion by Sally Schultz seconded by Jeff Will to approve the Design Review for the proposed new awning at 109 Water St. Opposed: None. Motion approved.

B. Comprehensive Plan Introduction

Planner Foust presented an introduction to the Comprehensive Plan update required by MN Statutes and the Metropolitan Council. She noted a Comp Plan Committee may include many city stakeholders. This update includes nine required chapters. Commissioners made general questions about the process and timeframe of the comprehensive plan. There was consensus that the projections seem too conservative for the growth of the city. As this process starts staff will bring more background from past years of completing the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Sand asked about community involvement and surveying to better gather input.

C. Scott County Solar Energy Systems Discussion

Planner Holey presented language from Scott County about Solar Gardens. Commissioners agreed that Interim Use Permits seem to be the best fit for this use around city limits. The Commission recommended not allowing this use within Jordan's growth boundary. Sand stated 25 years is a long time and we should protect the city limits to allow for smart planning and growth of the city. Overall Commissioner agreed with the County's proposed language with the addition of prohibiting the use within Jordan's Growth Boundary.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

A. Outdoor Storage Ordinance- Drop Boxes

Commissioners looked over outdoor storage language and agreed it is sufficient. Commissioner discussed the use in different zones and how it affects different businesses. It was the consensus to not move forward with any changes.

B. Native Planting Ordinance

Commissioners reviewed the background regarding Native Plantings restrictions. They found the proposed language by staff meets all standards Commissioner were concerned about. Commissioner discussed how to review larger native planting areas. They discussed requiring a Condition Use Permit for all areas that are to be planted larger than 0.5 acres. They directed staff to draft this ordinance with that change and bring it back to the November meeting for action.

7.0 PLANNERS REPORT

A. Next Regular Meeting- Tuesday, November 10, 2015

B. General Update

8.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE

Council Member Will commented on all the new building and redevelopment happening in the area. He also noted the land swap the city made for the old MNDOT property to be used as the new police station.

9.0 COMMISSIONER MEMBER REPORT

Sand reported CERC might open around Thanksgiving.

Schultz commented on the city maintenance concerns. Specifically how people should be more active about beautification of the City.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion Jeff Will, second Gene Flynn to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Opposed: None. Motion approved.