MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF JORDAN
IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT
APRIL 14, 2020

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Present: Tom Sand, Jane Bohlman, Bob Bergquist, Robert Whipps, Bill Heimkes, Brenda Lieske
Also Present: Lucinda Meyers, Senior Planner, Nathan Fuerst, Planner/Economic Development Specialist

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm.

2.0 ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Bohlman, second Lieske to adopt the agenda as presented. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 10, 2020

Motion by Whipps, second Bohlman to approve the minutes as presented. Lieske abstain- was not present for the March 10, 2020 Meeting. Vote all ayes. Motion approved.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS


City Engineer Mike Waltman presented the official map of the Highway 169, Highway 282, and County Road 9 interchange. By mapping the footprint for this project, it removes uncertainty for property owners and potential developers. It also helps facilitate public purchase of property if/when needed, and helps designate land for any future use. The project will cost roughly 35 million dollars, so it relies on at least two different federal funding programs. Waltman also noted that if an official map is part of an application, it is more likely to be approved and the project will then receive necessary funding.

Chair Sand opened the public hearing at 6:45. No comments were received. Hearing closed at 6:45.
Motion by Lieske to recommend adoption of the Official Map, second Bergquist. Vote all ayes. Motion approved.

A. PUBLIC HEARING: IUP Request 101 Broadway Street S – Parking as Principal Use

Planner Meyers presented the IUP application to allow continued use of the gravel lot located at 101 Broadway St S for parking.

Commissioner Bergquist asked whether there is a limit to the number of times that a property owner can apply for an IUP. Planner Meyers indicated that there is no limit, as long as the use is allowed as an interim use.

Chair Sand opened the hearing at 6:54. Planner Meyers read the comment submitted by the applicant. Chair Sand closed the hearing at 6:56.

Commissioner Bergquist asked why the original IUP was granted for a duration of 14 months. Commissioner Whipps replied that the City Council considered denying it altogether, then considered approving for 1 year, and then realized that if granted for 1 year it would expire in the winter and so decided upon Spring, which was 14 months from the date of consideration/approval. Whipps noted that some councilors did not want to approve it because they wanted the lot to be paved.

Commissioner Bergquist asked whether the City Council could deny the request. Planner Meyers indicated that they could indeed deny the application.

Commissioner Lieske noted the current pandemic and expressed that the City should be flexible and is comfortable recommending a two-year extension. Commissioner Bohlman agreed.

Chair Sand inquired upon the cost of the application. Planner Meyers stated that the fee is $300.00. Commissioner Whipps added that the applicant is receiving financial assistance from St. Johns Catholic Church.

Motion by Bergquist, second Lieske to recommend approval of the IUP request, per the staff recommendation, for the maximum time period of two years. Vote all ayes. Motion approved.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.0 PLANNERS REPORT

Planners indicated that due to the pandemic City Hall is closed and they are working from home. All public meetings are being conducted digitally via Zoom for the duration of the Governor’s Stay-At-Home order.

7.0 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE
Commissioner Whips indicated that the last City Council meeting was relatively light and that City Staff are doing their best to continue providing services to the public.

8.0 COMMISSION MEMBER REPORT

Commissioner Lieske received a request to install a bench near Oak Terrace.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Whipps, second Bergquist, to adjourn at 7:10. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

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Tanya Velishek, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tom Nikunen, City Administrator