

**Minutes for a Regular Meeting
Of the Winthrop Planning Commission
Monday, April 15, 2015**

A Regular meeting of the Winthrop Planning Commission was called to order at 5:00 pm on Monday, April 15, 2015, in the City Administrators office in City Hall for the purposes of conducting the business of the city.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Froehlich.

ROLL CALL Commission members Ryan Froehlich, Mark Santelman Peter Schuckert, and Duane Piere, were present. City Staff present: Administrator Jenny Hazelton, City Attorney Don Lannoye. Audience Members present: JoAnn Kolbaske with Bismark Township, Jim Kuphal and Joe Kuphal with Alfsborg Township.

- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
No public hearings were scheduled.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion Piere, second Santelman to approve the March 16, 2015 minutes.
Passed voice vote.

- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
- a. **Heartland Corn Products Re-Zoning Request.** Hazelton presented the Commission with a map of a piece of land that Heartland Corn Products would like re-zoned from Agriculture to I2 Heavy Manufacturing. No action was required at this time.

- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- a. **Zoning Authority Section 902.05 of the Zoning Code.** Attorney Lannoye explained the section of the code that gives Winthrop zoning authority with a radius of 2 miles outside of city limits. This authority is written in our code but has never been enforced. The Commission felt we should have a discussion with the neighboring townships about this provision of the code. State statute authorizes that the City could enforce this section due to the fact that the townships do not have their own zoning codes. JoAnn Kolbaske with Bismark Township voice her opinion against the city enforcing their authority. Jim Kuphal with Alfsborg agreed with her opinion and felt that Sibley County would work with the City to do what was in their best interest. It was felt by most that the public hearing process the county practices works for most individual situation. If the commission passes the ordinance it would be recorded at the county for record. It was decided to invite the townships to the next meeting to

continue the discussion in hopes that the other two townships could also attend the meeting.

- b. **Section 902.05 of the Zoning Code** Commissioner Santelman would like the Commission to view a webinar on zoning before we continue going through the zoning code. There was discussion on whether the commission should view it as a whole or individually. It was decided to view it as a group so that they could ask Lannoye questions as needed. A special meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015 to view the webinar.

VI. SCHEDULE NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18th, 2015, at 5 o'clock pm.

Motion Santelman, second Schuckert to adjourn. Passed Voice Vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Chairman Froehlich

ATTEST:

City Administrator