

Minutes of a Planning and Zoning meeting held at City Hall on June 5, 1982, at 7:00 A.M.

Present were Steve Porter, Larry Butler, Jim Corry, Grant Johnson and Ramona Rosenlund, acting secretary.

Meeting was called to order at 7:17 A. M. Invocation was by Mr. Corry. Minutes of the previous meeting were read with a motion to approve them by Mr. Corry with a second by Mr. Porter. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson, who had taken up about 15 minutes of the time prior to the calling to order of the meeting was told that since he had not requested to be on the agenda, they could not help him and he would have to wait with his problems. He had said he wanted to place a large sign on the frontage road to advertise his business. He was told he would have to wait until the present moratorium on signs was lifted before he could be helped. Mr. Johnson said he wanted to be heard and that he had told Mr. Sellers, the city recorder, that he would get a license for his home business when the city fixed the drains on the road in front of his home which he maintained the city had ruined several years ago. Mr. Johnson spent some time explaining his problems saying he could not wait any longer to put up his sign which would be finished in about two weeks.

It was explained to Mr. Johnson that the Planning Commission could do nothing as far as enforcing ordinances was concerned and that he would have to go the City Council for these things. Also, there is a moratorium on placing signs within the city limits at this time and that since he is not on their agenda this morning they can do nothing for him. Mr. Johnson asked why he could not do as he wanted to on his own property and it was explained that everyone needs to conform to existing ordinances which are passed by the City Council at a public hearing. Mr. Johnson said he felt these things are railroaded through by the council and it did not help to come to public hearings. Mr. Johnson refused to accept that they could not help him and continued to state his problems with the city. When again told he would have to go to the city council to resolve the problems of the roads and drains on the streets by his home, he stated that even though it is not in any minutes the city council had given him permission for a sign three years ago. He felt a lot of people are telling him what he can or can not do on his property and that he has been here for years and won't have upstarts telling him what to do. It was suggested that since he has waited three years, it would not be a hardship to wait until July 5, when the moratorium would be lifted. Mr. Johnson became more angry and said he had not been able before now to put the sign up and he won't go to the city council as all he gets from them is dirt. Mr. Johnson finally left the meeting at 7:45 A. M.

Mr. Mayer was not present at the meeting and as he had been given the assignment to have suggestions for the sign ordinance ready for this morning, Mrs. Rosenlund was asked to call him to see if he had this information or if he was coming. There was no answer to her call.

There was a discussion of signs and it was pointed out anyone needs a business license before they put out a sign. Mr. Corry said it looked to him like the city council should enforce their ordinances. A great deal of time is spent in working up ordinances at the direction of the city council and then they are not enforced. There was a short discussion of types of signs and it was thought something should be in the ordinance prohibiting signs on city property. It was felt "A" frame temporary signs should be on private property also.

Mr. Porter made a motion that since they probably do not have time to work up a sign ordinance prior to the moratorium being lifted on July 5, 1982, and if this be the case, the city council should approve or disapprove any signs to be put up prior to the completion and passage of a sign ordinance. Mr. Corry seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Corry made a motion that the commission take one ordinance at a time and get it finished and then take the next one. Mr. Butler said Councilman Dan Olson felt the sign ordinance should be done first. He seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Porter made a motion to set the next meeting for June 26, 1982, at 7:00 A.M. and to work on the sign ordinance. Mr. Corry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

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Approved

Larry D. Butler  
Chairman

Ramona Rosenlund  
Attest