

**CITY OF EYOTA  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2016**

**Present:** Members: Lief Hughes, Chad Ohl, Barry Karsjens and Casey Johnson  
Secretary: Marlis Knowlton

**Absent:** Member Janet Hughes and Council Reps Bryan Cornell and Ray Schuchard

**Call to Order:** Chair Lief Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion was made by Ohl and seconded by Karsjens to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Ohl and seconded by Johnson to approve the December 16, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Public Dances Ordinance:** The Commission reviewed the edited public dance ordinance from last month's discussion. The Commission did not request any other changes; and agreed they do not need to review or approve the forms for the application or permit. Motion was made by Ohl and seconded by Karsjens to move Ordinance #143 Regulating Public Dances to the Council for their consideration to approve. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Nuisance Ordinance:** The Commission reviewed changes made to Nuisance Ordinance #109 as discussed at the December meeting.

Ordinances 12-1 Noises, 14-1 Accumulations of Snow and Ice and 63 Mowing and Weeds have been incorporated in this ordinance and will be repealed. Additions from the League of Minnesota Cities model ordinance were included.

Section 2 Public Nuisances Affecting Health, #8: request to add wording to regulate areas that are not mowed because property owner claims it is now natural or prairie type vegetation. The Commission suggested limiting any vegetation of that type (proven not weeds) to cover not more than twenty five percent of a parcel. This should still allow for large maintained beds or areas for natural landscaping.

Section 3 Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety

*#2: All unnecessary noises and annoying vibrations which unreasonably annoy or disturbs the peace of any considerable number of members of the public.* Delete this because all noises will now be addressed in Section 4.

*#3: All trees, hedges, billboards, or other obstructions which prevent people from having a clear view of all traffic approaching an intersection.* Discussed if this would include obstructions caused by vehicles such as campers. They questioned how would parking a large camper in a driveway be regulated versus one parked in the middle of a block. Vehicle parking will be addressed elsewhere.

Section 4 Noise Violations, #1 Prohibited noises.

(A): add vibrations; this was originally included in Section 3 #2 that has now been deleted.

(G): Advertising noises: discussed the possibility of an ice cream truck. The Commission said leave the wording as is, prohibiting bells, horns, etc.

Section 4 Noise Violations, #2 Hourly restriction of certain operations: The Commission discussed the days and hours of restrictions. Week days versus weekends and the hours seemed reasonable. No changes were suggested.

The Commission also discussed regulating the number of garage sales one person could hold per year; but decided it is not an issue at this time. Knowlton will make these changes and start comparing the League's and the City's ordinances regarding abandoned, disabled or unlicensed vehicles. Parking issues in general will be looked at and may be put in a separate ordinance.

**Training Opportunities:** Knowlton explained there are online training series available through the League of Minnesota Cities regarding land use; registration fees would be paid by the City. It would also be possible to have League staff members or outside contractors conduct training at a Planning meeting. The Commission discussed and agreed training would be beneficial but their priority right now is to continue to revise ordinances to prepare for codification. Their time and efforts need to currently be directed on the ordinances.

**Rural by Design Workshop:** Knowlton attended the Rural by Design workshop on January 8. It was geared towards planning for and including conservation areas in residential subdivisions and commercial developments. Suggested having as much as fifty percent of a subdivision left as green space; although the examples included a homeowners association that would maintain those type areas.

**Other Business:** none

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Karsjens and seconded by Ohl to adjourn. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Marlis Knowlton  
Clerk/Treasurer