

**CITY OF EYOTA
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2015**

Present: Members: Chad Ohl, Janet Hughes, Lief Hughes and Casey Johnson
Secretary: Marlis Knowlton

Absent: Member Barry Karsjens and Council Reps Bryan Cornell and Ray Schuchard

Call to Order: Co-Chair Chad Ohl called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by Lief Hughes and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Lief Hughes to approve the November 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Dances Ordinance: The Commission reviewed a proposed public dance ordinance with recommendations from last month's discussion. Also included in the proposed ordinance were items from examples of other cities for consideration.

The Commission discussed specific items and scenarios; and instructed Knowlton to edit the proposed ordinance as:

Section 1, Definitions: the definition explanation that the ordinance refers to outdoor dances was acceptable.

Section 2, Permit Required:

Subdivision 6, Licensed Peace Officer Presence: large planned dances like the Eyota Days dance will have law enforcement present. It seemed excessive to require a licensed peace officer at a wedding dance; if a dance was held at the Legion they will probably require one anyway to protect their interests. If there is a neighborhood dance planned the City can inform the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office of the event. Delete this section.

Subdivision 7, Permit to be Posted: it would be hard to physically post a permit at an outdoor dance. Change the wording to require the permit to be present or available on demand, but do not require it to be physically posted.

Section 3, Regulations:

Subdivision 2, Minors Prohibited: there would be no way for the City to enforce this. Delete this section. But the Commission did request a reference to the Olmsted County Social Host Ordinance be added to the permit application so the applicant is aware of the responsibility.

Subdivision 3, Certain Behavior Prohibited: seeing that it will not be required to have an Officer present, this section should also be deleted. Commission also agreed that if attendees get out of hand, officers will be called and they can deal with issues through other regulations or even the city nuisance ordinance; for example noise.

Subdivision 4, Lighting: delete this section; there is no way to regulate it.

Knowlton will make these changes, create an application form and bring it back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Nuisance Ordinance: The Commission was provided the City ordinances dealing with various nuisances and the League of Minnesota Cities model nuisance ordinance. The Commission discussed items to combine into one ordinance.

- Insert the noise nuisance section from the League's model ordinance into the City ordinance; but do not include language regulating decibels because it would not enforceable. City ordinance 12-1 could then be repealed.
- Try to insert current ordinance 14-1, which refers to snow removal from sidewalks, into a new ordinance.
- Insert language regarding weed control and mowing lawns from ordinance 63 into a new ordinance.
- Add wording that would define and allow natural prairie grass plantings or rain gardens versus controlling weeds and keeping lawns mowed below a specific height.
- Do not need to include any regulations at this time regarding drones. There are other regulations for them, including registration and noise.

The Commission also requested Knowlton start researching jake braking regulations.

2016 Commission Appointments: Both Janet Hughes and Casey Johnson's terms expire at year end; they were asked if they were willing and able to serve another term, both agreed. Motion was made Lief Hughes and seconded by Ohl to recommend to the Council to appoint Janet Hughes and Casey Johnson to serve another three year term, expiring in December 2018. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Janet Hughes and seconded by Ohl to appoint Lief Hughes as the Chair for 2016. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Janet Hughes and seconded by Lief Hughes to appoint Chad Ohl as the Co-Chair for 2016. Alex, Janet and Johnson voted in favor. Ohl abstained. Ayes 3, Nays 0, Abstained 1. Motion carried.

It was agreed that future meetings will be the third Wednesday of the month. This way more members will be available on a regular basis.

Rural by Design Workshop: There will be a Rural by Design workshop January 8, in Lanesboro, advertised as practical inspiration and tools for planning board members regarding conservation subdivisions and commercial developments. Lief Hughes requested to attend.

Other Business:

After some discussion, the Commission requested Knowlton make a recommendation to the Council to consider putting lights on the path from Fifth Street SW, through West Side Park, along Highway 42, all the way to Sandstone Drive NW at Kwik Trip. The paths are used a lot, at all hours of the day and they are very dark.

Commission requested to recommend to the Council that a “no outlet” sign be installed at the entrance of Canyon Lane NW cul-de-sac. Also, to make the intersection of Canyon Drive, Canyon Lane and Whetstone Place NW a four way stop due to anticipated increased traffic in the area.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Janet Hughes and seconded by Johnson to adjourn. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer