CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING MINUTES
JOINT MEETING WITH THE EYOTA PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 16, 2016

Members Present: Ray Schuchard, Tony Nelson and Bryan Cornell
Members Absent: Tyrel Clark and Kurt Holst
Planning Commission Members Present: Lief Hughes, Janet Hughes, Chad Ohl and Casey Johnson
Staff Present: Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tem Cornell called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Agenda: Cornell announced the Planning Commission requested to have a joint meeting, work session to discuss the roll of the Commission and discuss a plan to codify the ordinances.

First issue discussed was sidewalks. During the planning of a recent residential subdivision, the Commission recommended requiring construction of sidewalks per the current ordinance requirements. The Council approved grading would only be required, no sidewalks would be required at this time. The Planning Commission questioned if the current ordinance should be enforced or changed. The Council members present suggested the ordinance should be changed to allow for negotiations. A key point of discussion was the fact that times have changed and the City has more cul-de-sacs and trails; each new subdivision has its own unique features that need to be considered. It was noted that grading for sidewalks should always be required to avoid possible elevation problems if a future sidewalk is constructed.

Second issue was codifying the City's ordinances. This has been talked about for years. Not only will this require a significant time commitment from the Planning Commission, staff and Council; it will also require many important decisions to be made relating to regulations for the future. A discussion point was; how do we see Eyota now and in the future, a growing municipality requiring big city regulations or a more rural small town. All agreed the process of codification needs to done sooner than later. All involved requests Knowlton to include this discussion on the next Council meeting to consider researching companies and costs to start the process.

Third issue was the Council's directive to the Commission to change the zoning ordinance to allow for single family homes in multifamily zoned districts. The directive was discussed and agreed that the Commission should research the situation and possible changes to the ordinance to correct the problem as the Council saw it.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Chad Ohl and seconded by Lief Hughes to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. 8-0 Cornell declared the meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.

Bryan Cornell
Mayor Pro-tem

Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer