

CITY OF VERGAS
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, February 10, 2020
6:00 pm
Vergas Event Center

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Additions or Deletions
3. Minutes of the November 20, 2019
4. Meeting
 - a. Set Date and Time
 - b. Member
 - i. Elect Chairman
 - ii. Elect Vice Chairman
5. Construction Permits
6. Status of Recommendations to City Council
7. Old Business:
 - a. Sign Ordinance
 - b. Nuisance Properties
8. New Business
 - a. Keith & Shelly Bunkowske Parcel

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The City of Vergas Planning Commission was held Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Vergas Event Center with the following members present: Logan Dahlgren, Van Bruhn, and Myles Flateland. Absent: Paul Pinke and Natalie Fischer . Also, present Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers, Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane, Keith Bunkowske and Barbie Porter of the Frazee-Vergas Forum.

Meeting called to order by Acting Chairperson Julie Lammers.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Flateland to accept the agenda with the removal of Construction Permits. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Flateland to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting:

Motion by Flateland, seconded by Bruhn to appoint Dahlgren as chair of the planning commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Flatland, seconded by Bruhn to appoint Fischer as vice chair of the planning commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Dahlgren began chairing the meeting.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Dahlgren to set the meeting time of the planning commission to 6 pm the second Monday of the month. Motion passed unanimously.

Status of recommendations to City Council:

Nuisance property policy was discussed at Council and Council would like the planning commission to propose a plan. Discussed dealing with nuisance properties. Would like to see policy include Mike and planning commission member reviewing properties monthly during the summer and following up on any complaints that are filed. Lammers will bring outline of policy to next meeting for commissioners to review. Discussed cat issue in town and how to handle the complaints regarding cats running all over town. No decision was made.

Old Business:

Julie Bruhn provided a sample city sign ordinance at last month's meeting and commissioners ask Lammers to have the City Attorney review. Peloquin has reviewed and supplied two sample ordinances for planning commission to review as he was concerned about the following: My primary concern is that the draft outline probably impermissibly differentiates between commercial and noncommercial speech. Also, we should deal with electronic signs and may want to reference the county and state regs as they concern the roads approaching and through the town. Commissioners asked Lammers to review the Park Rapids ordinance and the proposed Vergas ordinance and combine the two for next month's meeting.

New Business:

Keith Bunkowske reviewed his plans to add to buildable lots to his parcel.

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Flatland to schedule a public hearing for Monday, March 9 at 6 pm to consider the split of the parcel 82000500037000. Motion passed unanimously.

Follow Up Actions:

Lammers to write up and publish public hearing notice for March 9 public hearing.

Lammers to review sign ordinance and prepare for March meeting.

Lammers to report to the residence at 411 W Lake Street explaining camping is not allowed in the city limits and to either get a construction permit for the deck or remove it.

Lammers and J Bruhn will check on the legality of putting a no thru traffic sign up on Scharf Avenue.

Actions Completed and Removed from Follow up:

None.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Secretary,
Julie Lammers, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer
City of Vergas