

GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
Business Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Land Development Director Al Shute called the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Green Lake County Courthouse, County Board Room, Green Lake, Wisconsin. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: **Roberta Erdmann, Eugene Henke, Susan McConnell, Howard Sell, Thomas Traxler, Jr.**

Absent:

Also Present: **Al Shute**, County Surveyor/Land Development Director
Carole DeCramer, Committee Secretary
Orrin Helmer, County Board Chairman
Jeff Haase, Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Erdmann/Traxler, unanimously carried, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Eugene Henke to nominate Susan McConnell as Committee Chair. Howard Sell to nominate Roberta Erdmann as Committee Chair (Mrs. Erdmann declined.); no other nominations going to the floor.

Motion by Erdmann/Traxler, unanimously carried, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Susan McConnell as Committee Chair. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

Susan McConnell to nominate Howard Sell as Committee Vice Chair (Mr. Sell declined.). Susan McConnell to nominate Eugene Henke as Committee Vice Chair (Mr. Henke declined.). Susan McConnell to nominate Roberta Erdmann as Committee Vice Chair; no other nominations going to the floor.

Motion by Sell/McConnell, unanimously carried, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Roberta Erdmann as Committee Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Susan McConnell conducted the remainder of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Henke/Sell, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of March 26, and April 2, 2008. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Shute discussed the issue of rental weatherization stipulations that the Code Enforcement Office issues. The state is changing their program by not sending the county the \$5 per stipulation as they did in the past. Since the County Land Use Planning and Zoning Department is a recognized agency to issue stipulations, Shute suggested that the department continue to provide the service. The only additional work that the department would have to do is check the state's website to make sure that there are no outstanding conditions for the stipulations. The county would continue to collect the \$25 fee per stipulation per county fee schedule.

The committee discussed whether or not there is a liability issue. Attorney Haase advised that it would be the landlord's responsibility and not the county's. Also discussed was the inspection of the rental properties. The committee agreed that it would be good for the department to continue issuing the stipulations, but they would like more information as to who performs the inspections. This will be placed on the next agenda.

PURCHASES - None

CLAIMS

Claims totaling \$1,157.79 were submitted.

Motion by Sell/Henke, unanimously carried, to approve the claims in the amount of \$1,157.79 for payment. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – MARCH, 2008

Motion by Erdmann/Traxler, unanimously carried, to approve the March report. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Committee discussion related to wind energy facility standards

The committee reviewed the draft of the wind energy facility standards. The new committee members were brought up to speed on the major concerns: setbacks, noise restrictions, reclamation, and financial assurances. Since there are three new committee members, this will be placed on the May 28th business meeting agenda for further committee discussion.

GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Helmer suggested that the committee go to one meeting per month as opposed to two. This will be discussed at future meetings.

McConnell stated that she was bothered by the rezone request (Krueger) at the last public hearing that was denied. She asked if the ordinance amendments to the agricultural districts will be discussed in the near future. Shute explained that he has a draft ordinance that needs to be reviewed and brought back for the committee's review. Regarding the rezone that was denied, after further review of the ordinance, it was determined that the applicant did not need to rezone his property and that it could be sold to a non-relative. Shute will call Mr. Krueger and explain the situation. The committee agreed that the rezone fee that was charged to Mr. Krueger should not be refunded since the money was expended.

CLOSED SESSION PER WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE 19.85(1)(G) CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LITIGATION, WHICH THE COUNTY IS INVOLVED AND/OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED.

(Discussion of legal issues)

7:46 p.m. Motion by Henke/Sell, unanimously carried on roll call (5 ayes, 0 nays), to move to closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 1985(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel regarding litigation, which the county is involved and/or is likely to become involved. Motion carried.

RESUME INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS FINDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION.

8:08 p.m. Motion by Sell/Erdmann, unanimously carried on roll call (5 ayes, 0 nays), to resume into open session to discuss findings of closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by McConnell/Erdmann, unanimously carried on roll call (5-ayes, 0-nays), to accept the personnel evaluation for the Code Enforcement Officer and to forward the evaluation to the employee's personnel file. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETINGS DATES

May 7, 2008 – Public Hearing - 6 pm

May 28, 2008 – Business Meeting - 6 pm

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Recorded by:

Carole DeCramer
Committee Secretary

APPROVED:

May 28, 2008