

GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
Business Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Sue McConnell called the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee to order at 6:02 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: **Orville Biesenthal, Sue McConnell, Gus Mueller, Howard Sell, Wallace Williams**

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 Sell/Mueller, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Williams/Mueller, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of July 25, 2007, and August 8, 2007. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of Resignation

Shute – Bernie Sorenson turned in his letter of resignation. He has decided to go into law enforcement.

Review/recommendation of vacant position

Shute – The position that Bernie is resigning from was created in 2005 as part of the restructuring in the department. At that time, we created three code enforcement positions. I would recommend refilling the position. This committee needs to review the vacancy and make a recommendation to the Personnel Committee.

Motion by Mueller/Sell, unanimously carried on roll call (5-ayes, 0-nays) to accept the recommendations of position description, wages, as presented by the department head for the Land Use Planning and Zoning Department for the Code Enforcement Officer position and to forward this recommendation to the Personnel Committee as required by the County Ordinance 804.04. Motion carried.

PURCHASES – None

CLAIMS

Claims totaling \$519.80 were submitted.

Motion by Williams/Biesenthal, unanimously carried, to approve the claims in the amount of \$519.80 for payment. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – JULY, 2007

Motion by Mueller/Williams, unanimously carried, to approve the July report. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Work on agricultural districts, amend.

Shute – I am prepared to work on amending the agricultural districts; however, based on recent county board discussions/decisions, some of the county board supervisors seem to be advocating for keeping the larger exclusive agricultural parcels. What I am recommending is to classify the smaller farmette-type areas in the residential part of the ordinance. It would still be rural in design to accommodate animals. We could amend various sections of the ag districts, especially the A-1 District because there is a lot of non-compliance with Chapter 91 Farmland Preservation. We've had the state review our ordinance and they've responded in writing as to suggestions that should be made to our A-1 zoning district. This draft incorporates their suggestions. I would also propose deleting the Ag-4 classification while leaving the rest of the agricultural districts exactly the way they are in regard to acreages.

After further discussion, the committee agreed with the suggestions/recommendations. This will be placed on the next business meeting agenda.

GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Such other matters as authorized by law

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)

7:07 p.m. **Motion by Williams/Sell, unanimously carried on roll call (5-eyes, 0-nays), to move to 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. Motion carried.**

RESUME INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS FINDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION

7:14 p.m. **Motion by Mueller/Biesenthal, unanimously carried on roll call (5-eyes, 0-nays) to resume into open session. Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETINGS DATES

- September 5, 2007 – Public Hearing – 6 pm
- September 26, 2007 – Business Meeting – 6 pm

ADJOURN

Motion by Williams/Sell, unanimously carried, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Recorded by:

Carole DeCramer
Committee Secretary

APPROVED:

September 26, 2007