

**Cannon Falls Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
February 11, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Daniel Pidd; Commissioners Steve Gesme, Bruce Hemmah, Derek Lundell, and Josh Witt.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Mike Daniels and Glen Lundell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Samantha Pierret, Zoning Assistant / Staff Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pidd called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted. Chair Pidd; Commissioners Hemmah, D. Lundell, Witt, and Gesme were present; Commissioners Daniels and G. Lundell were absent.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemmah, seconded by Commissioner Gesme and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. January 14, 2019, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner D. Lundell, seconded by Commissioner Hemmah and unanimously carried, to approve the meeting minutes.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

No one came forward to speak with regard to items not listed on the agenda.

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Relocating Structures

Chair Pidd opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Zoning Assistant Pierret provided background information regarding the proposed ordinance changes. She noted that these proposed amendments would allow applicants to move a structure onto a vacant lot in the City of Cannon Falls with an administrative permit which would go through City Staff including herself, Public Works and the Police Department.

Commissioner Hemmah questioned whether elected officials such as the Council should be required to sign off on the relocation of structures applications. Zoning Assistant Pierret noted that applicants would be required to comply with the State of Minnesota Building Code and all applicable zoning codes.

No one came forward to speak during the public hearing. Chair Pidd closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Resolution 2019-2 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Relocating Structures

A motion was made by Commissioner D. Lundell to recommend approval of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for relocating structures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hemmah, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Jordan Erickson, Countryside Disposal Proposal.

Zoning Assistant Pierret reviewed a proposal by Jordan Erickson, owner of Countryside Disposal, to locate outdoor storage of trucks and dumpsters on property in the City of Cannon Falls. The proposed location is 214 Washington Street West. It was noted that a Conditional Use Permit would be required to have outdoor storage and minor truck repair on the property and in the existing building. Mr. Erickson was looking for input from commissioners on their thoughts or concerns regarding the proposal.

Commissioner Gesme inquired as to what conditions would need to be met for the proposed project. Zoning Assistant Pierret reviewed the Zoning Code requirements for outdoor storage and minor automobile repair.

Mr. Erickson explained his plans for the property and existing site conditions relative to vegetation coverage, fencing and gates and existing buildings.

The commissioners agreed this would be a good use for the property as it has been for sale and vacant for some time.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Planning Commission member comments.

9. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemmah, seconded by Commissioner Witt and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.