

**Harris Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 23, 2023**

- I. Call to Order** - The Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Siedow.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** - All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Oath of Office** - Shari Denny, Haley Peabody, and Neil Elmquist recited the Oath of Office for their appointed positions to the Planning Commission.
- IV. Roll Call** - City Clerk Shannon Geier conducted roll call. Present were Chair Siedow, Commissioner Denny, Commissioner Peabody, and Commissioner Elmquist. Commissioner Borash was absent. City Clerk Geier announced a quorum was present.
- V. Consent Agenda** – Siedow made a motion to approve the December 5, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Denny seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. Public Comment** – None.
- VII. Regular Agenda**
 - A. Annual designations** – 2023 annual designations are as follows:
 - Chair – Al Siedow
 - Vice Chair – Jeff Borash
 - B. Downtown Redevelopment overlay zone discussion** – Claire Michelson from MSA was present with an updated map extending the overlay north to include the feed mill and south to include the gas station on the west side of Ginger and north to 441st and south to the County garage on the east side of CR-30. The Commissioners discussed their vision for the area of development to include small businesses on the ground level and residential on the upper level. Ultimately seeing the old buildings and existing houses removed from the Business District. Denny made a motion to move forward with a public hearing at the February 27th meeting. Peabody seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. Information about Cannabis/Cannabinoids/THC** – City Clerk Geier provided eight ordinances from other cities as examples for the Commissioners to use in discussing specifics such as location and licensing of a retail business selling THC Products. The commissioners determined the location of establishment should be 300' from licensed childcare and playgrounds; license fee of \$250; background check fee to be determined; license issuance annually October 1 – September 30; and compliance checks at least once per year. Consideration of

penalties included 1st violation: fine up to \$500; 2nd violation within 36 months: fine up to \$1,000 and 30-day license suspension; 3rd violation within 36 months: fine up to \$2,000 and a license revocation; and Violation during suspension: License revocation. The Commissioners also want to compare these penalties against those already in place for the tobacco and liquor licenses.

- D. **Mineral Extraction Ordinance, Seeding the berm** – In discussing the ordinance as written and the problems of dust control the Commissioners determined there were more issues than just item (k) referencing the term “berm”. Item (k) appears to be a visual screening, whereas items (e) and (f) appear to be for dust control on the roads and in the facility. Because Commissioner Denny had the most experience with issues created by a mineral extraction operation she was asked to prepare an example of an ordinance for Harris that would provide more specific regulations to alleviate the problems with screening and dust control in mineral extraction operations.
- E. **Code Enforcement** – City Clerk Geier updated the Commissioners on the status of code enforcement issues. (1) Abandoned trailer house: Mayor will check with Fire Department to see if they could do a controlled burn. (2) Antique store: The property is for sale. Geier contacted owner and asked that the back stairs be blocked to keep children off. (3) Marvin Tonn: Chisago County is working on a citation. (4) Zaccardi: Public hearing is scheduled for the February 27th meeting. (5) Philip Breidel property: Geier has contacted County, bank, and family member to no avail. Status currently unknown.

VIII. Commissioner Reports – None.

IX. Adjourn – Elmquist made a motion to adjourn. Denny seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Al Siedow - Chair

Date Approved