



MENOMONIE PLAN COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2012

A regular meeting of the Menomonie Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 29, 2012 in the City Hall council Chambers by Chairman Peltier.

Members Present: Solberg, Cook, Williams, Klos and Smith

Others Present: Higley, Jones, Dahl, Eide, Sander, Knaack, Beilfuss, Prange and members of the public

A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Williams and Committee Member Beilfuss gave a presentation from the Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee regarding bicycle programs and policies from the Netherlands and the City of Minneapolis. The presentation highlighted right-of-way improvements to facilitate bicycle use and safety in these communities. The Committee is looking to submit an application on behalf of the City of Menomonie to the Bicycle Friendly Communities Program. After some further discussion, a motion was made by Solberg, seconded by Klos to ask the Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee to proceed with an application on behalf of the city to the Bicycle Friendly Community Program. Motion carried.

Shirley Klebesadel, representing UW-Stout, provided background on the 10th Avenue overpass signage being proposed by the University on the connecting skyway. She noted that the signage would be on both sides of the new skin being placed on the connection. A motion was made by Klos, seconded by Smith to approve the UW-Stout 10th Avenue East crossing signage as presented. Motion carried.

Beilfuss presented the Commission an overview of the Title 3, Chapter 21 proposed ordinance that would allow the keeping of chickens in residential areas of the community. A lengthy discussion was held including questions on sanitation, slaughtering of animals, effect on property value, attraction of rodents, cost to keep the chickens and the requirements regarding the size and type of coop. Bielfuss noted that other communities allowing chickens had not received high levels of applications and any significant issues with sanitation. He also indicated that a workshop would be held on the pros and cons of keeping chickens to allow interested community members to obtain information prior to the city issuing licenses. A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Solberg to favorably recommend City Council approval of the Title 3, Chapter 21 chicken keeping ordinance as presented. Motion Carried Ayes 4 Noes 2.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Klos to recommend City Council approval of the Title 10 and 9, B-4: Neighborhood Office District zoning ordinance as presented.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Klos to favorably recommend City Council approval of the revised Chapter 2, Agricultural, Cultural and Natural Resources element update of the Comprehensive Plan as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Solberg to approve the City of Menomonie certified survey map creating lots 17, 18 and 19 along Freitag Drive extended and south of I-94. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Klos, seconded by Williams to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lowell Prange
Recording Secretary