

Hartford Planning and Zoning Minutes - Regular Meeting March 12, 2013

Chairman Munce called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bender, Cunningham, Mitchell, Wegleitner, Campbell and Ham. City Administrator Teresa Sidel and City Code Enforcer/Building Inspector Paul Clarke were also present.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Bender, second by Mitchell to approve the March 12, 2013 agenda as set—all voted yes, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: The Board reviewed the February 26, 2013 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ham, second by Campbell to approve the February 26, 2013 minutes – all voted yes, motion carried.

New Business & Updates:

***Plan Review - Proposed Planned Development (PD) for the Meadows Development:** The Meadows Development Co. has submitted an application to Minnehaha County for a Planned Development NW of Hartford. The rezoning for this planned development was reviewed by the County Planning and Zoning Board on February 25, 2013. The County Board heard testimony from the county planning staff, proponents and opponents. The County Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend denial of the rezoning for this Planned Development. The rezone will now go before the County Commission on March 19, 2013 at 9am. If the County Commission approves the re-zone on March 19, 2013 then the County Planning Commission and the City Planning and Zoning Board will review preliminary plans for The Meadows Development. These plans were distributed to the City Planning and Zoning Board to begin their review.

***February Code Enforcement/Building Permit Report:** City Code Enforcer/Building Inspector, Paul Clarke, updated the Board on various building projects within the city. He is also addressing a few code violations within the city but things have been fairly calm this past month in that aspect of his job.

*** Discuss 2012 IBC Codes:** Paul Clarke noted to the Board that the City of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County will be updating their building codes to the 2012 IBC Codes on May 1, 2013. The City of Hartford is currently working under the 2006 codes. The Planning and Zoning will begin reviewing the 2012 IBC that have been adopted by Sioux Falls and the County on May 14, 2013 with hopes to adopt the 2012 IBC codes for Hartford later this year.

Visitor(s):

Scott Nelson asked to address the Board. Nelson approached the Board as a representative of the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce, as the Marketing Committee Chairman and as a citizen of Hartford. Nelson, being an advocate for area retail businesses, has asked the City Planning and Zoning Board to keep an open mind regarding the Meadows Development and think about the long-term benefits to the area retailers if a new housing development would come to Hartford. The Board noted that the City did their due diligence regarding the Meadows development and any further discussions will depend on the County re-zoning vote on March 19, 2013.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Cunningham, second by Mitchell, to adjourn at 8:07 pm - all voted yes, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by City Administrator Teresa Sidel