

Planning & Zoning Meeting – December 20, 2011

Members in attendance: Chad Packingham, Orlie Workman, Susan Salee and Tim Carson. Also in attendance: Chad Sands EICOG, Trent Miller, Doug Hanover, Brian Beaty, and Dan Oliphant. Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Vice Chair Packingham with Workman, Salee and Carson present.

Motion to approve Agenda was made by Workman, seconded by Carson. All aye (4-0).

Motion to approve October 11, 2011 minutes was made by Workman, seconded by Salee. All aye (4-0).

Chad Sands was present to review the Fringe Area Agreement. Linn County now has an understanding of why Palo is in need of expanding the future growth area due to the limited developmental area within the City of Palo (flooding, natural waterways, etc). The two areas noted in the Fringe Area Agreement are (1)CSA (County Service Area) defined as all properties located outside of the corporate boundaries of the City of Palo that are within the two-mile extraterritorial area, but outside of the Non-Metro Urban Service Area (NMUSA) depicted on the City County Strategic Growth (CCSG) map and (2) NMUSA (Non-Metro Urban Service Area) defined as all properties located outside of the corporate boundaries of the City of Palo that are within the two-mile extraterritorial area as shown on the CCSG map and lying within the proposed Non-Metro Urban Service Area (NMUSA) boundary. Discussion held on joint P&Z meeting (Linn County & Palo) at the regular January P&Z meeting where changes still can be made and/or send with recommendations to Palo City Council for the February Council meeting and a public hearing. Sands to send out copies of the entire plan to all P&Z and Council members within a week for review. Joint meeting to be held at the February P&Z meeting. Plan is to approved and send on with recommendation to City Council for approval in March.

Speed limit reduction on Shellsburg Road. Workman made motion to use wording from previous meeting regarding the speed limit reduction on Shellsburg Road. Salee seconded. All aye (4-0). Discussion held. Previous motion to use wording did not include sending recommendation on to the City Council. Carson made motion to reduce the speed limit from the current 55 mph speed on Shellsburg Road & Hwy 94 to 45 mph starting at the western edge of the city limits on Shellsburg Road down pass Hollenbeck Road over to Yates Road and send formal recommendation to Palo City Council. Workman seconded. All aye (4-0). Discussion held on the proper distance signs should be placed for Reduce Speed Ahead and placement of the speed zone sign going in either direction.

Discussion held on the Ruzicka Family Addition Preliminary & Final Plat. Workman made motion to forward the Ruzicka Family Addition Preliminary & Final Plat to Linn County, Iowa, with recommendation of approval to the Palo City Council. Salee seconded. All aye (4-0).

New Business. Workman asked audience member Dan Oliphant if he would consider returning to the P&Z Committee. Discussion held. Workman made motion to submit Oliphant's name to Palo City Council for appointment to P&Z to fill remainder of the open seat which expires June 30, 2012. Carson seconded. All aye (4-0).

Discussion held on changing meeting start time to one (1) hour earlier. It was decided that not all members would be able to make the earlier time and to leave the start time at 6:30pm.

Dan Oliphant asked the committee to think about having 911 (blue) signs placed in yards to identify properties in emergencies. All properties should have visible numbers to the street per final occupancy inspection.

Carson made motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Salee seconded. All aye (4-0).

Respectfully,

Jenny Jellison
City of Palo