

## **Planning & Zoning Meeting**

Palo City Hall

October 18, 2011

6:30 pm

Members in attendance: Chad Packingham, Orlie Workman, Doug Hanover, and Tim Carson. Absent: Susan Salee.  
Also in attendance: Chad Sands EICOG.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Hanover with Workman, and Packingham present.

Hanover asked that the Comprehensive Plan be moved to Agenda item #4 and move Speed Limit Reduction up to Agenda item #3. Packingham made motion to approve agenda with changes as requested. Workman seconded. All ayes (3-0).

Workman made motion to approve previous minutes. Hanover seconded. All ayes (3-0).

Speed limit reduction on Shellsburg Road and Hollenbeck Road. Will need to talk with County as they own half of Shellsburg Road. Would like to see 55 mph speed reduced to 45 mph from to the western edge of the city limits on Shellsburg Road down to the Dry Creek Bridge. Packingham would like to see speed reduction out to Yates Road. Discussion held including earlier talks of a flashing sign/light to alert vehicles at the fire station entrance/exit. Packingham made motion to have Hanover talk with Steve Gannon, Linn County, to discuss the speed limit reduction on Shellsburg Road from the western city limits of Palo to Yates Road. Workman seconded. All aye (3-0). Hanover to talk with Steve Gannon of Linn County. Discussion held on the speed limit on Hollenbeck Road being 25 mph in front of the Community Center and Dry Creek Estates. There is no speed limit sign going south when coming off Shellsburg Road but there is a 25 mph one going north to Shellsburg Road. Committee to advise City Clerk the speed limit sign needs to be placed on Hollenbeck Road going south.

Chad Sands was present to review the Comprehensive Smart Plan and Land Use Plan. Packingham requested any corrections or changes to the Plan be printed out with notation of the page/section instead of the entire plan reprinted to be more efficient. Sands agreed to print out just the page(s) to swap out with changes in the future.

Tim Carson joined meeting at 7:05 pm.

Discussion held on the Smart Plan and Land Use Plan, the Fringe Area Agreement and what area is developable within the City of Palo. The areas not developed currently in Palo are prone to flooding. Best option is to go to the south or west to develop since the north is limited due to the type of area. Sands to take it to the County and will update at next meeting.

Old Business: Workman asked about the flashing red sign at the Blairsferry Road and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. His understanding is the sign has been in for 3 months and he recommends the Council be asked about it. Discussion on the speed limit sign going out of Palo on Blairsferry Road East from 1<sup>st</sup> Street. No speed limit sign prior to the Resume Speed sign near bridge. There should be a 45 mph speed limit sign by Blairsferry Road/1<sup>st</sup> Street (Palo Mini Mart) going east and one coming into Palo from Cedar River Bridge. Discussion held on the stop ahead sign not in place yet and the faded and/or missing street signs in town.

Hanover asked about the property that was being combined and was taken off the agenda. This would fall under Linn County and not the City of Palo.

Workman made motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Packingham seconded. All ayes (4-0). Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Jenny Jellison  
City of Palo