

**Planning Commission**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Planning Commission meeting was held on September 6, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at Sartell City Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ryan Fitzthum, Dawn Moen, Abby Legatt, Gary Orman, Anna Gruger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Colby Warzecha, Student Liaison  
Anita Rasmussen, Community Development Director

Orman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION**

Orman asked if there could be some discussion on mosquito control under New Business.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FITZTHUM TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MOEN. UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN THE FOLLOWING VOTED:**

**AYE: FITZTHUM, MOEN, LEGATT, ORMAN, GRUBER**

**NAY: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FITZTHUM TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2016 REGULAR MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GRUBER. UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN THE FOLLOWING VOTED:**

**AYE: FITZTHUM, MOEN, LEGATT, ORMAN, GRUBER**

**NAY: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – I1**

Rasmussen outlined the rationale for an amendment allowing gyms and fitness facilities as a conditional use within the City's light industrial zone. The purpose for the amendment includes: There has been an increase in the need for large fitness facilities over recent years. That fitness facilities and indoor related activities are reasonable uses within the Light Industrial zone, but through the CUP process, the Planning Commission and Council can review each proposal and require reasonable conditions to the approval of the permit. That while gyms and fitness facilities are also allowed in commercial zones, the type of space that is characteristic of industrial buildings, such as large open floor areas and high ceilings, are also favorable for contemporary expectations and practice within current gyms and fitness facilities.

Fitzthum asked about the two previously rezoned properties used to accommodate gym facilities. Rasmussen pointed out that those properties were adjacent to commercial zones or the highway.

Rasmussen further stated that reducing the number of acres zoned industrially is not ideal and that providing flexibility in the ordinance would then maintain the properties for future industrial/office/warehouse opportunities. Moen asked about outdoor storage.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOEN TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GRUBER. UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN THE FOLLOWING VOTED:**

**AYE: FITZTHUM, MOEN, LEGATT, ORMAN, GRUBER**

**NAY: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Orman discussed the possibility of introducing some type of mosquito control in an effort to increase the quality of life for residents and as a proactive protective measure. Fitzthum inquired about the potential cost but wondered if it was something that could be done in our City parks in an effort to increase usage. The Commission did ask staff to forward their comments to the Council for consideration. Rasmussen said that she would include the discussion in her monthly staff memo to the Council, but would also work with Public Works in getting answers relative to costs, etc.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Project Updates**

Rasmussen provided updates on the following issues:

- I2 Task Force
- Comprehensive Plan
- Heritage Roundabout
- Recent Annexations
- Community Center
- Newsletter – October 15<sup>th</sup>

Fitzthum asked about the 15<sup>th</sup> Street North Study. Rasmussen conveyed that a consultant had been selected.

Orman hoped that Pinecone Road would be 4 lanes to the new high school. Rasmussen indicated that it would likely not be a four-lane road based on ADT's but that a study and design considerations will be discussed by the council at a future date.

### **ADJOURN**

**FITZTHUM MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:55 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GRUBER. UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN THE FOLLOWING VOTED:**

**AYE: MOEN, FITZTHUM, LEGATT, GRUBER, ORMAN**

**NAY: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes by:

Anita Rasmussen, Community Development Director