

MINUTES

City of Alpena Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2015
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7 p.m. by Wayne Lewis, Planning Commission Secretary.

ROLL CALL: PLANNING COMMISSION

Present: VanWagoner, Lewis, Mitchell, Hunter, Gilmore

Absent: Boboltz, Sabourin, Heraghty, Dort

Staff: Adam Poll (Director of Planning & Development), Vickie Roznowski (Recording Secretary)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The August 11, 2015, agenda was approved as printed with two additions; Business – Modification to 2015 Meeting Schedule and Communications – Redevelopment Ready Communities Report of Findings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 14, 2015, regular meeting were approved as printed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BUSINESS:

1. Potential City Initiated Rezoning of 144 to 154 E. Hueber Street from B-1 to R-2.

Poll stated that there was a situation that came up regarding 148 E. Hueber Street. There is a gentleman in the process of buying the property but because it is zoned B-1 the mortgage and insurance companies had issues because if the home was destroyed it wouldn't be able to be rebuilt under the ordinance without special approval. It makes logical sense to rezone this area to R-2. 2 of the 4 property owners have been contacted and they are in favor of the rezoning. The other homeowners will be contacted to find out what their thoughts are on this issue. A hearing will be scheduled for next month unless the homeowners do not want this rezoning to happen.

2. Modification to 2015 Meeting Schedule

Poll stated that the Labor Day holiday is on the first Monday of September so the City Council meeting will be held the first Tuesday, September 8, 2015, which would be the day of the Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission meeting will have to be held on a different day.

Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Gilmore, to move the September 8th meeting to September 15th.

Yays. Mitchell, Hunter, Gilmore, VanWagoner, Lewis

Nays: None.

Absent: Dort, Boboltz, Sabourin, Heraghty

Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Redevelopment Ready Communities Report of Findings
Poll reviewed the draft report of the Redevelopment Ready Communities. Would like the Commissioners to review the report and be ready to discuss at the next meeting.

REPORTS:

1. Alpena Power Company Building
Went through the building with some members of the Historic Preservation Study group to see if there was anything salvageable. The inside has no historic character left. The whole building will be coming down.
2. Façade Grants
Projects are moving forward. Hoping to have dates soon as far as when the approval for the Owl and Alpena Furniture will take place.
3. Fairfield Inn
No update on the Fairfield Inn. Site plans have not be given to the City. The owners were granted a variance for height but they haven't moved forward with the project.

CALL TO PUBLIC:

None.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by Secretary Lewis.

Wayne Lewis, Secretary