

CITY OF MILACA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2024

6:00 P.M.

1. OPEN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Brad Tolzman –Chairman 6:00 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Roll Call:

- a. Brett Freese, Arla Johnson, Greg Kuperus, Joel Millam, Mitch Siemers, Brad Tolzman
- b. Others Present: City Manager Tammy Pfaff, Assistant City Clerk Deloris Katke, Council Liaison Norris Johnson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 8, 2024:

Chairman Tolzman called for a motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2024.

Motion to approve minutes from July 8, 2024, made by Arla Johnson, seconded by Mitch Siemers.

No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion passes.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Ordinance #529 Regulating Cannabis Businesses and Cultivation:** City Manager Pfaff suggested no action at this time, recommending that the commission wait until the State of Minnesota finalizes rules and regulations pertaining to this subject before having additional discussions.
- b. **Ordinance #530 Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses (Tarp-Like Structures) in B-1 Central Business District:** PC Members recommended prohibiting all tarp-like structures, with the exception of those for business or retail use, during the time period April 1 to June 30, with a maximum size of 144 sq. ft.
Motion to approve this ordinance made by Brett Freese, seconded by Greg Kuperus. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.
- c. **Ordinance #531 Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses (Tarp-Like Structures) in B-2 General Business District:** PC Members recommended prohibiting all tarp-like structures, with the exception of those for business or retail use, during the time period April 1 to June 30, with a maximum size of 144 sq. ft.
Motion to approve this ordinance made by Mitchell Siemers, seconded by Joel Millam. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Solar Panel Discussion:** PC Members discussed numerous considerations related to solar panel usage, including the potential for requests to have “solar farms” within city limits. Member Millam provided first-hand insights and experience on many of these topics from his experience having solar structures on his homestead. City Manager Pfaff noted that no action was needed at this time, but that future discussions on this topic will likely be necessary to develop and update the city policy, as well as to address future requests.

- b. Recreational Vehicle Discussion:** After discussion, PC Members voted to recommend the city amend the ordinance to mirror that of St. Cloud, MN (See Attached) Motion to approve this ordinance made by Greg Kuperus, seconded by Arla Johnson. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

6. MISCELLANEOUS:

n/a

7. ADJOURN:

PC Chairman Tolzman called for a motion to adjourn. PC Member Millam made the motion to adjourn. PC Member Siemers seconded the motion. No further discussion. All In favor.

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14p.m.