

JANUARY 25, 2021 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES CITY OF EDGERTON

Commission Chair Christopher Lund called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Christopher Lund, Jim Burdick, Anne Radtke (remote), Jim Kapellen, Paul Davis (remote), Julie Hagemann, and Ron Webb.

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Casey Langan (remote), and Sam Martino with the Edgerton Reporter (remote).

City Administrator Ramona Flanigan confirmed the meeting agendas were properly posted on Friday, January 22nd at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Plan Commission held a public hearing to hear comments regarding a request by the City of Edgerton to amend the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance:

- 22.304(2)(e) and 22.304(5)(z) to allow bee keeping in all zoning districts and to allow mini pigs in residential zoning districts.
- Section 22.721(1)(a) and 22.304(5)(a) to allow commercial apartments on the first floor, in the rear of, commercial structures in the B-2 Central Business District.

Commercial apartments: City Administrator Flanigan stated in summary, the proposed amendment is to allow commercial apartments on the first floor of downtown buildings. The apartment must be in the rear only.

Casey Langan, 212 Park Lane, stated he proposed this ordinance to allow building owners an option to live right next to where they work. It provides a more efficient way for small businesses to make the most of their building space and help with their cash flow.

Hearing no other comments on the commercial apartments, the Mayor temporarily closed the public hearing to consider action on the ordinance amendment.

A Jim Burdick/Anne Radtke motion to approve the amendment to sections 22.721(1)(a) and 22.304(5)(a) to allow commercial apartments on the first floor, in the rear of commercial structures in the B-2 Central Business District passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

Bee keeping: The Mayor read an email from Paul Splitter, 915 Robert St. In the email, Mr. Splitter expressed concern for people allergic to bees and did not want to see the City allow bee keeping.

Hearing no other public comments, the Mayor temporarily closed the public hearing to consider action on bee keeping.

A Jim Burdick/Ron Webb motion to recommend to Council approval to amend Sections 22.304(2)(e) and 22.304(5)(z) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow bee keeping in all zoning districts passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

Mini pigs: The Mayor asked if anyone listening to the meeting had comments regarding allowing mini pigs in residential zoning districts. Hearing no responses, the Mayor read the emails sent to the Plan Commission on this topic.

Judy Scharfenberg, 111 Blanchard St, stated in her email she is against allowing pigs in the City because they are rooters and like to dig with their snouts. In addition, pigs are territorial and can be aggressive.

Tim Shaw, 2nd District Alderperson, emailed that he has been approached by three people expressing concerns about allowing pigs in the City and asked to have the proposed ordinance amendment voted down.

Nathan Leikness, 915 Dean St, emailed he is concerned about smell, safety for both physical and health issues, noise, property damage and has questions about the care of the pigs. He and a number of his neighbors who live by the person asking to be allowed to have pigs, would like to see these issues addressed before any action is taken.

Paul Splitter, 915 Robert St, stated in his email that he is against allowing pigs in the City.

The members of the Plan Commission all stated they had received calls regarding pigs. All the calls were against changing the ordinance to allow pigs in the City.

Jim Kapellen stated he is not in favor of changing the ordinance for one person when he and the other Commission members have only heard from residents that are against it. If more people come forth that are in favor it could be readdressed, similar to the chicken ordinance.

A Jim Kapellen/Ron Webb motion to deny the amendment to Section 22.304(5)(z) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow mini pigs in residential zoning districts passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

MINUTES: A Ron Webb/Jim Burdick motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2020 Plan Commission meeting passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

CSM FOR MARSHVIEW COURT: A Jim Kapellen/Ron Webb motion to approve the preliminary and final one lot certified survey map for the City of Edgerton to create two lots and one outlot east of Marshview Court (parcels 6-26-1204.1 and 6-26-1204.01) passed on a 7/0 roll call vote.

Being no other business before the Commission, a Jim Kapellen/Ron Webb motion to adjourn passed on a 6/1 roll call vote. Jim Burdick voted against the motion.

Ramona Flanigan/ch
City Administrator

Approved February 22, 2021