

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

A meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was held on the 7th day of April, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beatrice Public School Administration meeting room, 320 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Boardmembers: Doyle, Hydo, Mayfield, McGhee, Riha, Seckel, Scholl, Wright.
Absent: Boardmembers: Fetty, Rodriquez.

Chairman Vaughn Wright announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve agenda as submitted.
- b. Receive and place on file all notices pertaining to this meeting.
- c. Receive and place on file all materials having any bearing on this meeting.
- d. Approval of minutes of regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on March 3, 2015.

Moved by Riha, seconded by Seckel, that the items listed under the consent agenda, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Doyle, Hydo, Mayfield, McGhee, Riha, Scholl, Seckel, Wright.
Nea: None MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public hearing to consider amending section 804 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Beatrice, Ord. No. 94-13 Re: Buffer yards.

Greg Butcher, City Attorney, explained the Zoning book and what is a "buffer yard". An example used is a Residential Zone abutting a Light Industrial Zone. The lighter use would be enforced first or would be a priority. The proposed amendment would add "O" and "LC" to Table 8-2.

Riha inquired why "AG" was not considered. Hydo inquired if "AG" would be protected by a buffer yard? Butcher noted that while "AG" is such a diverse zone, it was not considered an issue. The amendment is specifically protecting "O" zone but he would look into "AG" allowances and it might be considered in the future. Riha was concerned about the groundwater in "AG" since its acquirement is so limited. Riha cited an example of a chemical company putting in tanks, etc which could spill into the ground water and compromise his water well.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairman Wright introduced new members to the Planning and Zoning Committee, Richard Mayfield and Wendy Doyle.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the BPS Administration Building Meeting Room, 320 North 5th Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Scholl, seconded by Riha, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Doyle, Hydo, Mayfield, McGhee, Riha, Scholl, Seckel, Wright.

Nea: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Linda Schindler, Secretary



Vaughn Wright, Chairman