

Regular Meeting Minutes
Ellendale Fire Company
LOCATION CHANGE: Zoom Meeting
April 7, 2021

6:00pm – Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan

The Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan was called to order at 6:00pm on April 7th, 2021 by Virginia Weller.

In attendance were Council members Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore, Tamara Skis as well as Craig Eliassen, Town Solicitor. Kim Hughes was not in attendance. Also in attendance from the public was Anthony Gruerio.

During the public meeting, there were some minor comments on overall content, but no objections to what was written. Aaron Moore advised that an update was needed to include some of the new zones that had recently been adopted.

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:28pm. Virginia Weller asked if there were any objections. Aaron Moore – No, Deborah Short – No, Tamara Skis – No.

6:30pm – Public Hearing for Fee Schedule

The Public Hearing for the Fee Schedule was called to order at 6:30pm on April 7th, 2021 by Virginia Weller.

In attendance were Council members Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore, Tamara Skis as well as Craig Eliassen, Town Solicitor. Kim Hughes was not in attendance. Also in attendance from the public was Anthony Gruerio.

Aaron Moore advised that based on previous discussion, he deleted the lines from the fee schedule that related to real estate offices working within town boundaries. They would be required to go through the normal business licensing.

There was also a discussion on changing the fee to file a tax lien from \$50 to cost plus 10%.

The largest discussion was around the impact fees. Councilman Moore had previously advised that the Town of Ellendale has one of the highest Impact Fees in the area. Aaron was proposing a reduction in the overall fees, with it being broken down into subcategories. The council was receptive to the change, but was advised against any action by Craig Eliassen.

Aaron Moore also had made the change that the penalty fee for not paying property taxes on time would be 2% which is an increase from the current 1% per month late. It was pointed out that those who are late on their taxes but make an active attempt to pay by going on a payment plan do not get penalized.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing - Tamara Skis. Second – Aaron Moore. Voting in favor of the motion: Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore and Tamara Skis. Motion carried by majority vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm

7:00pm – Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

At 7:00pm, the regular Town Hall meeting for April 7th, 2021, was called to order by Vice President Virginia Weller

2. Moment of Silence/ Pledge of Allegiance

The decision was made to not hold this as this was a Zoom call.

3. Roll Call

Kim Hughes, President – Absent; Virginia Weller, Vice President – Present; Tamara Skis, Secretary – Present; Aaron Moore, Treasurer – Present.

In Attendance: Craig Eliassen, Kim Koukaras, Gail Vincent, Bruce Von Goerres, Anthony Gruerio

4. Citizen Service Recognition

No Citizens to recognize this month.

5. Approval of Agenda

Virginia Weller advised that we needed to table Items 9.4 and 9.6. Motion to approve the agenda – Aaron Moore. Second – Deborah Short. Voting in favor of the motion: Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore and Tamara Skis. Motion carried by majority vote.

6. Reading & Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept the March 2021 minutes with minor edits – Aaron Moore. Second – Deborah Short. Voting in favor of the motion: Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore and Tamara Skis. Motion carried by majority vote.

7. Treasurer's Report

Not all of the Treasurer's Report was sent out to the everyone on Council. Motion to table the Treasurer's Report – Tamara Skis. Second – Aaron Moore. Voting in favor of the motion: Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore and Tamara Skis. Motion carried by majority vote.

8. Police Chief's Report

Chief Von Goerres read the policy report. Motion to accept the submitted police report – Aaron Moore. Second – Virginia Weller. Voting in favor of the motion: Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore and Tamara Skis. Motion carried by majority vote.

9. Old Business

- 9.1 Ingram Village Update – A letter regarding the no parking on the streets was sent out to the residents of Ingram Village with their tax statements.

In relation to the sidewalks, Tamara Skis commented that it appeared as if the additional sidewalks that were expected to be put in Phase I have been installed, except for a few undeveloped lots. The question was posed on what kind insurance was going to be provided that those lots that did not get the sidewalk would eventually be completed? It was decided that this was something that would have to be reviewed further with the developers.

- 9.2 Comprehensive Plan Review Update – Motion to accept the comprehensive plan with the updates to the R2 and R3 zones – Aaron Moore. Second – Tamara Skis. Voting in favor of the motion: Virginia Weller, Deborah Short, Aaron Moore and Tamara Skis. Motion carried by majority vote.