

Plan Commission Minutes August 15, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Carolyn Clow, Stephanie Brassington, Peter Bloechl-Anderson, Austen Conrad, Jill Halverson, Scott Peters, Chris Reynolds

Staff Present: Andrew Bremer, Kong Thao

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Chair Clow called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023, Plan Commission meeting.

Clow moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023, Plan Commission meeting. Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-2, with abstention from Peters and Conrad.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- a. Public hearing regarding Ordinance 2023-06, an ordinance amending Sec. 62-227 Accessory Uses, Buildings or Structures.

Clow opened the public hearing for this item at 7:02 PM. Clow closed the public hearing at 7:03 PM seeing no attendees in the room or virtually wishing to speak on the item.

- b. Public hearing regarding Ordinance 2023-09, an ordinance amending various changes to Chapter 62 – Zoning, related to solar energy collection systems.

Clow opened the public hearing for this item at 7:03 PM. Clow closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM seeing no attendees in the room or virtually wishing to speak on the item.

- c. Public hearing regarding Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending various sections of the McFarland Building Code related to site erosion control and stormwater management.

Clow opened the public hearing for this item at 7:04 PM. Clow closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM seeing no attendees in the room or virtually wishing to speak on the item.

5. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Ordinance 2023-06, an ordinance amending Sec. 62-227 Accessory Uses, Buildings or Structures of the McFarland Zoning Code.

Bremer provided summary on the agenda item highlighting the updates to improve the existing code as it pertains to different zoning districts, exceptions, maximum size, materials, and examples. The Commission discussion included existing nonconforming structures.

Clow motioned to recommend approval of Ordinance 2023-06 to the Village Board. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

- b. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Ordinance 2023-09, an ordinance amending various sections of the McFarland zoning Code related to solar energy collection systems.

Bremer provided summary on the agenda item highlighting the additional terms, regulations, and permitted uses. The Commission discussed onsite battery storage as allowable accessory uses.

Clow motioned to recommend approval of Ordinance 2023-09, an ordinance amending various sections of the McFarland Zoning Code related to solar energy collection systems to the Village Board. Halverson seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

- c. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending various sections of the McFarland Building Code related to site erosion control and stormwater management.

Bremer provided summary on the agenda item highlighting the purpose of the proposed ordinance amendment as required by Dane County per their recent updates to existing standards. Bremer commented that the Village Engineer provided the details of the changes along with new terminologies and requirements. The Commission discussed examples for the terms added and how the new standards will be applied.

Clow motioned to recommend approval of Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending various sections of the McFarland Building Code related to site erosion

control and stormwater management to the Village Board. Motion seconded by Bloechl-Anderson. Motions passed 7-0.

6. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:00PM

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Peters motioned to adjourn, Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.