

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The City of Tomah Long Range Planning Committee met in regular **TELECONFERENCE SESSION** on **Tuesday, February 1, 2021** at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom teleconference for the rescheduled January meeting.

Call to Order – Roll Call: Member Chair Travis Scholze called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Remy Gomez, Jeff Holthaus, Dustin Powell, Pete Reichardt, Travis Scholze, and Tina Thompson. Absent: Mike Murray, Joanne Westpfahl, and Shawn Zabinski. Quorum present.

Also in attendance: Building Inspector Shane Rolff, City Administrator Brad Hansen, and Deputy City Clerk Berta Downs.

Approval of December 15, 2020 Minutes: Motion by Thompson, second by Holthaus to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting. Motion passed without negative vote.

Reviewing Certificate of Appropriateness – 1101 Superior Avenue (Signage): Mark Tralmer owner of All Things Amish and More has submitted an application for certificate of appropriateness for signage at 1101 Superior Avenue. The proposed sign will be 5' x 4' to show off the entrance for the part of the store the supplies bedroom sets and mattresses.

Motion by Thompson, second by Reichardt to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the All Things Amish and More sign permit at 1101 Superior Avenue for Mark Tralmer as submitted. Motion passed without negative vote.

Building Inspector Updates: Rolff advised that the Public Works and Utilities Director Kirk Arity has been receiving several inquiries of the old chainsaw maintenance shop located west of Molters Fresh Market; possible inquire from a Dollar General store. There is a potential development outside of Tractor Supply at the old Walmart building. The former Gunderson Clinic was purchased and is looking at converting into an assisted living complex. The Bubnich building will house Dwyer Transport with potential front offices to include executive heated storage buildings. The corner lot at Jefferson & Superior has applied and is approved for a land disturbance permit. This lot was considered to be in the flood plan. The owner had a few wetland hurdles to overcome and is prepping the land for building at a later date.

Administrative Updates: Hansen asked to put on the committee's radars, changing sidewalk width from 5ft to 6ft allowing for spacing. To allow for ease of passing, this will give allowance for two wheelchairs or for a stroller passing.

City Comprehensive Plan Revision: Hansen advised the city's comprehensive plan is coming due in 2023. The process to update takes about a year to complete. The city will need to start looking now at gathering ideas, looking at annexations, and floodplains.

TID Amendments: Hansen advised when taking on the position of City Administrator, he tasked department heads to generate ideas on how to increase revenue. The question arose, how can we use TID's to help financially? Hansen wants to look at adding Equipment Acquisition to help put a percentage of funds toward unique pieces of equipment such as a new ambulance or fire truck. Hansen also wants to look into creating an Economic Development fund to help attract new residents to buy homes within the City to help raise the tax base.

Next Meeting Date: February 23, 2021.

Adjournment: Motion by Thompson, seconded by Gomez to adjourn. Motion passed without negative vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Berta Downs, Berta Downs, Deputy City Clerk