

MINUTES  
MOUNT VERNON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
October 9, 2019

The Mount Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission met October 9, 2019 at Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Truman Jordan, Joan Burge, Rich Hileman and Jenna Wischmeyer. Absent: Matt Nelson, Trude Elliott and Jay Willems. Also in attendance, City Administrator, Chris Nosbisch. Meeting was called to order by Jordan at 6:42 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda and September 11, 2019 minutes. These documents stand approved unless otherwise indicated by Commission members.
2. Open Forum: each citizen limited to 5 minutes per discussion item.
3. Public Hearing and discussion and possible action on approval of final plat for Stonebrook 7<sup>th</sup> Addition to Mount Vernon, Iowa. Jordan opened and closed the public hearing with no comment. Nosbisch said that all necessary documents have been provided and sidewalks will be constructed with each building. One foundation will be dug on lot four this fall and lot nine is intended to be a single family home. Hileman made a motion to recommend approval of the final plat of Stonebrook 7<sup>th</sup> Addition to City Council. Motion seconded by Burge. Motion carries. Elliott, Nelson and Willems absent.
4. Additional discussion of recreational vehicle parking. Nosbisch updated commission members on the recreational vehicle issue. There were two conflicting sections of the code and because of that the City was having difficulty enforcing calls and complaints. It had to do with boats, campers and trailers in the front yard. One section said you could do it twice a month for 48 hours and the other section said it wasn't allowed at all. Planning and Zoning recommended to allow them to be parked in the front yard for a specified period of time during the times people would likely be using them, as long as it didn't impede the sidewalk, exceed that timeframe and was on a hard surface. Since that time, City Council has agreed with this recommendation and adopted an ordinance saying such. The issue now is that these vehicles cannot be parked in any required side or rear yard setback. Council is asking the Planning Commission whether they want to consider looking at the ordinance in its entirety and see if they feel any changes are needed. Nosbisch will highlight the sections of the code that could still be problematic so Planning and Zoning can decide if changes are needed or leave it as is.

5. Old Business. Commission members would like updated copies of the Zoning Ordinance and map.
6. New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. on October 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
Deputy Clerk