

MINUTES  
MOUNT VERNON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
November 13, 2019

The Mount Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission met November 13, 2019 at Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Truman Jordan, Jenna Wischmeyer, Matt Nelson, Trude Elliott and Jay Willems. Absent: Joan Burge and Rich Hileman. Also in attendance, City Administrator, Chris Nosbisch. Meeting was called to order by Jordan at 6:32 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda and October 9, 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 regarding final plat for Broulik 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition. City Administrator, Chris Nosbisch, said this property is just inside the two mile jurisdiction of the City and the owners are dividing out a 5 acre parcel. From a code perspective this is not an issue and also meets the standards through Linn County. This is the last addition that can be done without the preliminary and final plat process. After three additions it must meet those requirements if further development is done. Elliott asked for clarification on the two mile jurisdiction. Nosbisch explained that the State of Iowa allowed cities to extend their subdivision review to properties within two miles of their jurisdiction. The City cannot technically stop anything within those two miles but can offer a recommendation to Linn County.

Jordan opened and closed the public hearing after hearing no comments. Motion made by Willems to approve the final plat of Broulik 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, seconded by Wischmeyer. Motion carries.

4. Old Business. Nosbisch updated commission members on the status of the Zoning Administrator's absence. Discussion will continue sometime in the future on recreational vehicle parking.
5. New Business. There has been a request made for staff to review apartments on the first floor in the downtown area. Per code, citizens can make that type of request of the commission and they can decide if they would like to discuss further. As of right now the zoning code does not allow this. The consensus of the commission members in attendance was to

receive direction from City Council first to see if they have any interest in pursuing it before Planning and Zoning discusses it.

Nosbisch invited commission members to a joint meeting with City Council and Confluence to discuss the rough draft of the bypass plan on Monday, November 25, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on November 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
Deputy Clerk