OWATONNA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2020

The Owatonna Planning Commission met in regular session at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building with President Josh Meillier conducting the meeting. Present at roll call were Commissioners Dan Boeke (5:34 pm), Wes Kain, Josh Meillier, Kelly Rooks, and Rachel Springer-Gasner. Commissioners Mark Meier and Steve Jessop were absent. Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke and Administrative Technician Kristen Kopp were also present.

Chair Meillier read a statement to allow for the meeting to be conducted by telephonic or electronic means and all votes will be roll call votes.

A motion was made by Springer-Gasner and seconded by Rooks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2020. Commissioners voting Aye: Kain, Meillier, Rooks, and Springer-Gasner. 4-0, motion carried.

Dan Boeke joined the meeting at 5:34 pm.

Final Plat of NewLife Addition, which is a 9.99± acre tract of land zoned R-1, Single Family Residential District, owned by NewLife Community Church and located at 160 28th Street NE, was presented by Community Development Manager Kruschke. (Refer to report on file.) Kain said that he didn’t see anything different from the preliminary plat. Kruschke said that it’s the same; there weren’t any questions or comments on the preliminary plat at the City Council meeting. A motion was made by Kain and seconded by Springer-Gasner to recommend City Council approval of this final plat of NewLife Addition with the following conditions:

1) The final plat shall be recorded within 60 days of the approval.
2) The title opinion shall be approved by the City Attorney prior to recording of the final plat.
3) The applicant shall provide the utility easements as shown on the proposed final plat drawing.

Commissioners voting Aye: Boeke, Kain, Meillier, Rooks, and Springer-Gasner. 5-0, motion carried.

Kruschke said that there will be public hearings at the May 12th meeting for the Eastgate apartment, which is an affordable housing project behind Domino’s. There is a plat and a rezoning of one of the lots.

Meillier asked about the Riverwood apartment on Lemond Road. Kruschke said that it was tabled at the first City Council meeting in order for the applicant to hold an open house. It was approved by City Council 6-1 with Dave Burbank, 3rd Ward representative, voting against it.

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, a motion was made by Boeke and seconded by Rooks to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 pm.

Commissioners voting Aye: Boeke, Kain, Meillier, Rooks, and Springer-Gasner. 5-0, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Greg Kruschke
Community Development Manager