Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting

November 4, 2015

City Hall Conference Room

Members attending: Aldermen Clyde Heller, Russ Thomas, Steve Notheisen, Gerald Frederick, Planning Commission Chairman Eric Baker, Zoning Officer James Nagel. Alderwoman Vicki Koerber arrived late in meeting.

Agenda Item 1. Petitions by Citizens on non-agenda items. None

Agenda Item 2. Comprehensive Plan. General discussion about what actions should be addressed in evaluating the Comprehensive Plan Update, December 2005. After discussion, the recommendation was to evaluate what action (if any) were taken on the recommendations starting on update page 15 and ending on page 21. This information would be the topic of discussion for next meeting. Mr. Notheisen stated that this revision could be done internally by committee, Mr. Baker stated that the current 2005 update was done this way and resulted in heated sessions. Mr. Frederick asked how frequently this document is used. While the more recent years have resulted in limited new building, subdivision development, its' utilization has been limited. However due to 10 years passing without review and update, it is now time to address what has been accomplished and get this into the document. The ten years have also seen a change in population demography, so public survey becomes important to address where Waterloo will be in the next 10 years.

Agenda Item 3. 229 Bradford Lane. Mr. Nagel presented information to the committee of a proposed request to appear before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals requesting the rezoning of property from B-3 to R-5 for condominium construction of a six unit structure. Mr. Nagel informed us of a proposal he made to landowner to construct two entrances with a connecting drive in place of the six driveways entering Bradford, a busy connector street. Landowner was receptive to suggestion. With no further discussion, this request will move to Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for action.

Agenda Item 4. Solar Farms. Mr. Nagel presented information to the committee the possibility of establishment of a solar farm located behind Oak Hill Nursing Home, in county property. Concerns addressed included lack of existing control on design and potential selling of excess power to the city utility system. With this location being within county, could excess power be forced to Monroe County Electric or City Electric system? It was suggested that this be further explored with a joint meeting of Tim Birk and Mr. Waddles of Monroe County Electric.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Clyde Heller