

ALTOONA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
January 30, 2007 -6:30 PM
Altoona City Hall

Members Present – Jerry Nolin, Allison Hay, Dennis Keller, Anne Lohmeier, and Dan Narber
Members Absent - Scott Henry and Jeda Blanchard

Staff – John Shaw, Chad Quick, Susi Hoots

Guests – Steve Mosley (Snyder & Associates), Councilwoman Michelle Sloan, Bob Gorla (Prairie Meadows), Dustin Smith (Brown, Winick, Graves, Gross, Baskerville & Schoenebaum law office), and 14 Southeast Polk students and two parents.

Chairman Nolin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with all members present except Henry and Blanchard.

#1 Election of Officers.

Motion by Keller, second by Hay, to nominate Nolin as Chairman. Vote: 4-0 to approve Nolin as Chairman (Nolin abstained).

Motion by Nolin, second by Lohmeier, to nominate Keller as Vice-chairman. Vote: 4-0 to approve Keller as Vice-chairman (Keller abstained).

#2 Consideration and recommendation of a site plan for a Prairie Meadows Parking Lot.

Steve Mosley, Snyder & Associates, presented the site plan. He noted that the lot is located in the NW corner of the site near Adventureland Drive and Prairie Meadows Drive. The lot adds 409 vehicle stalls and 21 semi stalls. Keller asked about storm water. Mosley said that the discharge would be the same as it is now. Some of the improvements are landscaping along Adventureland Drive. Bob Gorla, Prairie Meadows, said that future plans are for a 150-200 room hotel and parking garage.

Narber moved to recommend approval of the site plan. Seconded by Lohmeier. Votes: Yes – Narber, Lohmeier, Keller, Hay, Nolin; No – None. Motion approved 5-0.

#3 Consideration and recommendation of a site plan addition for Menards Garden Center doors).

Dustin Smith, representing Menards, discussed the plans for the bi-fold doors planned for the garden center. Nolin said the doors are attractive. Lohmeier noted that the deficiency from the architectural design standards can be waived by Council only.

Nolin moved to recommend approval of the site plan subject to City Council granting the waiver. Seconded by Keller. Votes: Yes – Nolin, Keller, Lohmeier, Hay, Narber; No – None. Motion approved 5-0.

#4 Minutes of December 19, 2006 meeting. Narber moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Keller. Votes: yes – Narber, Keller, Hay, Nolin; No – none. Motion approved 4 – 0 (Lohmeier abstained).

Old Business – Nolin noted that the City Council denied the Kum & Go 8th Street SW site plan.

New Business – Nolin asked that the City look at traffic at 5th Avenue SW and 8th Street SW. Shaw noted that the City does monitor traffic but that we would alert staff to it. Lohmeier noted that the timing of signals at Adventureland Drive and 1st Avenue North needs to be adjusted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Next meeting February 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chad Quick
Planner