

PLAN COMMISSION

Time and Date: The Plan Commission met on January 20, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Wausau City Hall.

Members Present: Valitchka, Tipple, Oberbeck, Gisselman, Bohlken, Rosenberg,

Others Present: Lenz, Hebert, DeSantis

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Tipple called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. noting that a quorum was present.

Approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting.

Bohlken motioned to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting. Rosenberg seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Amend conditional use permit at 1200 W. Wausau Ave to allow sponsorship signs for Wausau West Track and Field

Lenz said the track program wants to put up sponsorship signs on the fence on the east side of the track. He said a rendering of the proposed location of the signs is in the packet. He said the ordinance was amended in the last couple years to address these types of signs. The boys' baseball programs at Wausau East and West have both come in for conditional use approval of these signs. Lenz said the signs are temporary and are sold to benefit the athletic programs. He said we've had public hearings at both high schools and there hasn't been any public opposition – the ordinance is pretty specific and seems to control pretty well what is allowed. The signs were up on the baseball field last year and we didn't receive any complaints. Lenz said the track program is looking to have similar signs and he would recommend that they follow the same standards, which are outlined in the ordinance.

Tipple added that the signs are temporary as mentioned in the ordinance, and he felt that went a long way in the previous approval for the baseball program.

Valitchka motioned to amend the conditional use to allow the signs as outlined in the ordinance. Rosenberg seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Approve vacation of the alley abutting 720 and 724 Franklin Street and 715, 717 and 721 McIndoe Street

Lenz drew the committee's attention to the map of the alley proposed for vacation. Lots to the north and to the south show remnants of a previous alley. The property owner signed a petition that they would like it vacated. CISM held a public hearing and voted in favor of the vacation. There was no opposition by the abutting property owners. Staff recommends it be approved for vacation.

Bohlken motioned to approve the vacation of the alley abutting 720 and 724 Franklin Street and 715, 717 and 721 McIndoe Street. Oberbeck seconded and the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on the sale of City owned property at 1001-1003 North 3rd Avenue

This item went through CISM and no one spoke against this item. The assessed value was set between \$5800 and \$7800. CISM recommended that this go up for bid at a minimum set at \$6500. With that recommendation, Planning staff would recommend putting it up for sale at that price.

Hebert said it is zoned B2. There are no set-backs along the roadway so there is potential to build a commercial building and if you are under 2000 sq. feet, an individual wouldn't need off street parking. There is potential but the likelihood of a commercial building being built is slim.

Gisselman motioned to place the City owned property of 1001-1003 North 3rd Avenue for sale at a minimum price of \$6500.00. Valitchka seconded and the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Approve vacation of Junction Street south of McDonald Street

Lenz drew the committee's attention to the map where the former Junction Street went through. A new street will be constructed next year and therefore the city wouldn't need the right of way. This will clarify direction to and from the Sports Complex from Kent Street and Townline Street.

Valitchka motioned to approve the vacation of Junction Street south of McDonald Street. Rosenberg seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Future agenda items for consideration

No future agenda items were brought up for consideration.

Adjourn.

Valitchka moved to adjourn, seconded by Bohlken. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

The Plan Commission is scheduled to meet next at 5:00 pm on Feb 17, 2015.