

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014, 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 EAST OLIVE STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Cornell, Mr. Balmer, Mr. Diamond, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Cain, Mr. Suess, Mr. Wills, Mr. Stanczak, Mr. Scritchlow, Mr. Protzman

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Tom Dabareiner, Director of Community Development
Vasudha Pinnamaraju, AICP, McLean Country Regional Planning
Commission Executive Director
Mark Woolard, City Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Cain called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Woolard called the roll. A quorum was present.
Chairman Cain introduced John Protzman as the newest member.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Donny Herrin, 1504 Julie Dr, requested two questions be addressed when the change to the zoning code is discussed. He inquired why limits are necessary and the purpose of this.

MINUTES: The Commission reviewed the August 13, 2014 minutes. Mr. Balmer moved to approve the August 13, 2014, minutes as written. Mr. Scritchlow seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 9-0 with following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Wills-yes; Mr. Scritchlow-yes; Mr. Cornell-yes; Mr. Cain-yes; Mr. Pearson-present; Mr. Diamond-yes; Mr. Balmer-yes; Mr. Suess-yes; Mr. Stanczak-yes; Mr. Protzman-yes.

REGULAR AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of Comprehensive Plan: Chairman Cain introduced Ms. Pinnamaraju who stated the existing conditions phase has concluded with a published draft report. The community outreach phase has received nearly 2000 responses. She stated all of the working groups will be digesting community responses and creating the vision and mission statements which will be used to write the goals and objectives.

NEW BUSINESS:

Z-07-14. Review on the petition submitted by the City of Bloomington, Illinois, a municipal corporation, requesting the amendment of Chapter 44 (Zoning), of the Bloomington City Code, Section 44.6-30 Table of Authorized Principal Uses in Each Zoning District and Section 44.13 Administration and Enforcement, E. Board of Zoning Appeals, 3. Meetings, Hearing, Procedures and Rules.

Chairman Cain introduced the case. Mr. Woolard stated there are two components to the proposed amendment. The first component pertains to the manufacturing of candy or snack foods within the M-1 district. The Beich manufacturing plant is zoned M-1 which does not allow food manufacturing. Mr. Woolard stated this and any other business which already exists within the M-1 district would not be allowed to expand. He said the proposed amendment is an effort to prepare for expansion. To merely make the food and kindred industries permitted in M-1 would allow heavy industry as well in all the M-1 zones with harsh impacts on neighboring properties. There was discussion on the types of food manufacturing, definitions, how the zoning change effects established businesses and the need to rewrite the code.

Mr. Woolard stated the second part of the amendment is to move the meeting time for the Zoning Board of Appeals from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in order to accommodate the schedule of citizens who want to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come to the Bloomington Planning Commission's attention, Mr. Pearson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cornell seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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