CITY OF EYOTA
PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2017

Present: Members: Lief Hughes, John Chesney, Casey Johnson and Franklin Merchant
Council Rep: Ray Schuchard Secretary: Marlis Knowlton

Absent: Member: Janet Hughes Council Rep: Bryan Cornell

Call to Order: Chair Lief Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by Merchant and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance Codification: Sample wording was found to change the hours and days allowed for operation in the liquor ordinance to state Eyota will match state statute. The Commission said to make the change and as long as it is compliant with state statute regulations there should be no need for a public hearing; just include it with the codification changes.

Merchant supplied a sample fireworks ordinance for the final wording. Knowlton will have a draft ordinance ready for review at the April 19 meeting.

In Title VII: Traffic Code, there is Chapter 73 Traffic Schedules which includes the following separate schedules: truck routes, farm vehicle deliveries, all-terrain vehicles and bicycles. The Commission agreed Schedule II Farm Vehicle Deliveries should be deleted because it makes no sense to try to enforce where farm vehicles can drive to get to the elevator. Chapter 74: parking Schedules should be incorporated into Chapter 71 and be 71.07. And correct the street names (to include correct quadrants) in Chapter 73 Traffic Schedules, Schedule I Truck Routes.

Knowlton was recently questioned on the authority of the city to tow a vehicle without a ten day notice. After researching the parking and nuisance ordinance states a notice must be mailed and the owner given ten days to move the vehicle before towing. That seems like an excess amount of time if a car is violating the winter snow emergency regulations, for example. Commission requested the attorney be asked if that can be changed; maybe to seventy two hours similar to other traffic regulations.

The next meeting is the regular monthly meeting on April 19. Knowlton will have some of these last ordinances ready to review. And the Commission will start planning when public hearings could be scheduled for final approval of the ordinances, including zoning and subdivision.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Merchant and seconded by Chesney to adjourn. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer