

**CITY OF EYOTA  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 17, 2020**

**Present:** Members: Susan Spafford, Janet Hughes, Adam Beilke and Heather Tesdahl  
Council Rep: Ray Schuchard Secretary: Marlis Knowlton

**Absent:** Member Lief Hughes and Council Rep John Chesney

**Call to Order:** Chair Susan Spafford called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Approve Agenda:** Spafford requested introductions of Commissioners be added to the agenda. Motion was made by Beilke and seconded by Tesdahl to approve the agenda with the addition. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Winter Parking Ordinance Review:** The Commission reviewed the City's winter parking ordinances, past and present. They also considered ordinances and procedures from eight surrounding cities. Most cities do have no parking after it snows a specific predetermined amount. All cities have different amounts of staff, different amounts of equipment, different levels of law enforcement coverage and capabilities, and different towing and storage services available. They discussed what has and has not worked for Eyota. They agreed that for consistency, efficiency, and fairness the current restrictions are working.

Motion was made by Beilke and seconded by Tesdahl to recommend to the Council the current winter parking restrictions should stay the same. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Pries and Menards Property Project:** Knowlton updated the Commission on continued work being done to plan for the proposed Menards nail plant construction. This includes staff applying for grants for utility extensions, access road and turn lanes on Highway 42. Negotiations and planning continue with Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Pries family for access off Highway 42.

**119 and 123 Madison Avenue SW Planning:** Knowlton explained the history of these two properties to the newer members and requested that the Commission continue to think about the best use for these properties. There have been many ideas brought up to use the land and some would require rezoning, etc.

**Code Updates:** Ordinances will be reviewed and presented at a future meeting.

**Other Project Updates:** Knowlton gave a quick update on some of the current projects; Aurora Rising development, Arendt development, etc.

**Other Business:** Spafford requested it be recommended to the Council to use Zoom for Council meetings and other board meetings. She offered to help coordinate.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Janet Hughes and seconded by Beilke to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

  
Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer