

FAIRBURY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Meeting
May 8th, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bob Brackle read the statement regarding the Open Meetings Act and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for roll call. Other members present were: Cathy Kleine, Karl Hoeting, Paul Schramm, Cody Moyer, and Ron Schacht.

1. Next, was the approval of the minutes from the April 10th, 2017 Hearing. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Member Kleine made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 10th, 2017 Hearing. Member Schacht seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was: 6 - "yes" (Kleine, Hoeting, Brackle, Schacht, Moyer and Schramm) / 0 - "no". The motion passed.

2. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding the vacating of a portion of Bacon Road located North of Lots 4-7, Blk 21, McDowell's 1st Addition, generally located north of 810 Bacon Road and referred to as 'Phase 1'. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Bedlan referred the commission to their packets and stated that the request is to vacate a portion of the south side of Bacon road between the existing building bump outs at 810 Bacon Rd. She noted that the packet contains a survey of the area, information on phase 1 & 2 of the proposed project and a memo regarding the request to vacate the area shown in phase 1. Ron Schacht was present and spoke for Westin Packaged Meats; he stated that the vacate is being requested for phase 1 of an expansion. Bedlan stated that utilities were located and it appears that there are some private utilities and one public power line located within the vacate area. The owner, Fairbury Electric does not have any issues with the vacate; however, it will be important to make sure the existing utilities retain easement in the vacated area. Ron Schacht stated that he could have his surveyor take care of that before this request goes to council. The commission agreed that the land-use and proposal of Phase 1 is in accordance with the comprehensive plan. Member Moyer made the motion to recommend the City Council approve the request to vacate a portion of Bacon Road located North of Lots 4-7, Blk 21, McDowell's 1st Addition, generally located north of 810 Bacon Road and referred to as 'Phase 1'. Member Hoeting seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was: 5 - "yes" (Kleine, Hoeting, Brackle, Moyer and Schramm) / 1 – "abstain" (Schacht) / 0 - "no". The motion passed.

3. Next, were comments from the public on non-agenda items.

Member Schacht explained the proposed 'phase 2' of Westin Packaged Meats expansion stating that Westin Packaged Meats will come to the commission in the near future with a proposal to vacate Bacon Rd from H St to I St so that they can expand and connect their buildings on both the south and north side of Bacon. It is noted that this will require utility relocates and review of traffic flow which he will be prepared to present at that time. He hopes to be able to bring this proposal to the commission next year at this time. It is also suggested that this expansion should help with job creation. With no other comments from the public on non-agenda items Member Moyer made the motion to adjourn. Member Schramm seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was: 6 - "yes" (Kleine, Hoeting, Brackle, Schacht, Moyer and Schramm) / 0 - "no". The motion passed.

Laura K. Bedlan
Planning Commission Secretary