Minutes - Woodbury County Zoning Commission Meeting - February 28, 2022

The Zoning Commission (ZC) meeting convened on the 28th of February at 6:00 PM in the first-floor board room of the Woodbury County Courthouse. The meeting was also made available via teleconference.

ZC Members Present:Chris Zellmer Zant, Tom Bride, Jeff O'Tool, Corey MeisterCounty Staff Present:Dan PriestleyPublic Present:Gwendolyn Hodges (teleconference), Craig Beedle (teleconference)

Call to Order

Chair Chris Zellmer Zant formally called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Approval of Minutes

The 1/24/22 minutes were approved. Motion to approve: Bride. Second: Meister. Motion approved 3-0 with 1 Abstention: O'Tool.

Public Hearing: Infinite View Addition Minor Subdivision Proposal

Priestley read the staff report into the record. Gwendolyn M. Hodges has filed an application for a three-lot minor subdivision on the property as referenced above. The purpose is to divide the parcel into three lots including one for the homestead and two for agricultural lots that will continue to be farmed. This proposal has been properly noticed in the Sioux City Journal Legals Section on February 11, 2022. The neighbors within 1000 FT have been duly notified via a February 11, 2022 letter about the February 28, 2022 Zoning Commission Public Hearing. As of February 21, 2022, two phone inquiries and one written comment about the potential for industrial development were received. Appropriate stakeholders including government agencies, utilities, and organizations have been notified and have been requested to comment. No comments of opposition were received. The Woodbury County Engineer found the proposal in compliance with Iowa Code closure requirements and found that the lots have adequate access. Extraterritorial review was waived by the City of Salix via Resolution No. 2022-3 on January 12, 2022. The property is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone A - Floodplain). The applicant received the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) determination from the Iowa DNR and that data will be subsequently recorded in the Woodbury County Recorder's office (Lot 1: 1083.7 FT; Lot 2: 1084.2 FT; Lot 3: 1084.3 FT). Based on the information received and the requirements set forth in the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, this proposal meets the appropriate criteria for approval. It is the recommendation of staff to approve this proposal. Bride inquired if the well and septic were contained on Lot 1. Priestley stated that according to the surveyor, they are contained on the lot. Motion to close the public hearing: O'Tool. Second: Meister. Motion approved 4-0.

Rules of Procedure for Zoning Commission Adoption

Priestley presented the Zoning Commission Rules of Procedure that were formally approved by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors on February 8, 2022. Motion to adopt: Meister. Second: O'Tool. Motion approved 4-0.

Draft Floodplain Ordinance Update

Priestley offered an update about the status of the draft floodplain development ordinance that was recommended for approval to the Board of Supervisors by the Zoning Commission on May 24, 2021. The approval process was placed on hold during the summer of 2021. The lowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reviewed the ordinance draft on June 1, 2021 and February 17, 2022 and provided approval with some minor adjustments for clarification and formatting. The IDNR revisions were presented to Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Motion to accept the IDNR changes and recommend approval of the draft floodplain ordinance to the Board of Supervisors: O'Tool. Second: Meister. Motion approved 4-0

Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Commissioner Comment or Inquiry

None.

Staff Update

Priestley stated that the approval of the draft floodplain maps are being delayed by FEMA due to an issue with the proposed panel numbers. The draft floodplain maps are the same. The FEMA public notice process will likely begin again around July of 2022 and the maps could likely be adopted in February of 2024.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: O'Tool. Second: Meister. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.