



# Planning Commission of Pine City, Minnesota

## Minutes of Regular Meeting: 24 March 2020

**Commissioners Present in Person:** D'Aigle

**Commissioners Present by Electronic Means:** Bombard, Clark, Pettie, Rydberg, Scholin, Skluzacek

**City Staff / Officials Present:** Van Steenwyk, Sauter (via phone)

**Absent:** Jahnz, LeMier, Student Representative Graci Huff

Van Steenwyk, running the telephonic meeting, called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. *Minutes of the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with a change addressing Rydberg's concern on snowplowing, on a motion by D'Aigle, seconded by Bombard. All voted in favor.*

**Election of Officers:** With the difficulties in conducting the meeting at present, *Pettie made a motion to table this until we can meet in person. Rydberg seconded the motion, which passed with all voting in favor.*

**Public Hearing on City of Pine City Lot Rearrangement Request:** In preparation for the planned improvements to Hillside Park and Recreation Area, ISD 578 has agreed to transfer a portion of their property (leased by the Civic Center Board) to the City, for inclusion in the park. This will facilitate the improvement project, and allow the City to more easily apply for a DNR recreation grant. Staff have prepared proposed Findings of Fact and a draft Resolution P20-04, recommending approval of this proposal. Sauter explained a bit about the proposal.

The public hearing was called to order at 6:41pm, to allow for public input into this proposal. There was no one in attendance to speak to this proposal, so the hearing was closed at 6:43pm.

**Discussion of City of Pine City Lot Rearrangement:** With no further discussion, *Skluzacek made a motion to adopt the proposed findings of fact and Resolution P20-04, recommending that the Council approve the lot rearrangement as proposed, transferring the northwest portion of parcel 42.0008.000 to parcel 42.0008.001. Rydberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**City Council Feedback:** Scholin reported that the Council at its last meeting granted the PC Evangelical Free Church variance request, as recommended by the Commission.

**Commissioners' Concerns:** Skluzacek expressed his concerns about traffic on Sixth Ave SW near the Elementary School, and about the left turns into Caseys from south bound Main St S. VanSteenwyk stated that he had contacted the county about that turn, and they are looking into it.

**Staff Comments:** Sauter said that she believes Clark is a member at this time, but that he will be sworn in at a later date. Van Steenwyk reported that staff are looking at using Zoom for future meetings, which they believe will work better than the system being used tonight.

There being no further business, *Van Steenwyk declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53pm on a motion by Skluzacek, seconded by D'Aigle.*