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**MINUTES  
Planning Commission  
July 12, 2010 - 8:00 a.m.**

Members Present: Trefz, Ritter, Trautman, Bensch, Bergquist, Purdy

Others Present: Reuther, Schwartzkopf, Klundt, Kourajian, Peterka, Weight, Harty

1. Chairman Trefz called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2010 meeting. Motion made by Trautman to approve. Seconded by Bergquist. Motion Carried.
2. City Engineer Schwartzkopf spoke relative to water issues and future development. A lengthy discussion was held with Schwartzkopf stating that the issue with water in the Southwest was brought up at a meeting held three months ago and nothing has happened since then. The subject will be brought up again at the Public Works Committee meeting this month. Schwartzkopf related that he will be telling the PW Committee that he, the City Utility Director and the City Fire Chief will not allow any new large scale development to happen in the SW as there is insufficient water to handle more than one emergency/fire response. Building a tower would be part of a solution, but we would also need to increase the size of the mains, etc. if there is future development in the SW. Weight stated that there are plans for development in the SW area. Currently, Interstate Engineering is working on possible options and the City will work on other options as well, but long range planning needs to be developed.

Commission member Bergquist asked if we are past the option of getting together w/other entities, Schwartzkopf related that yes, that window was there three months ago, but it is now not an easy option. The City Staff has budgeted to include a water study for next year, but if City Council accepts Staff recommendations, the water study could move up to this year.

Commission member Ritter asked if rural water could help us. Commission member Bensch asked if a water tower would benefit the State Hospital, would the State participate in that. There is willingness for the state but timing is critical and this should have been looked at least 5 yrs ago.

Chairman Trefz stated that if a large developer comes along they will develop infrastructure.

City Engineer Schwartzkopf added that we've lost much of the window of opportunity for the new regional hospital that will go online in about 1 year, so we only have that much additional time to get some sort of project and/or study done for the SW area. Afterward, we could proceed to study the rest of town.

Chairman Trefz recommends that the council get the study moving as quick as possible. We, as the Planning Commission could formally concur and recommend to the Council that the City needs a long range plan.

Commission member Ritter made a motion to recommend the City Council look at more positive alternatives to ensure that we support modifying the budget and put the water study on fast track. Bensch seconded.

Substantial discussion was held about how the new regional hospital water development has progressed. Darin Peterka of Interstate Engineering related that the new hospital has accepted bids for the water line, and will have a pre-job meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> of this month. The City may still be able to get the "overage" or larger pipes in place and the cost is approximately \$60,000 for the larger 12" line which is very economical.

Trautman asked for a clearer motion.

Motion was modified by Commission member Ritter to include recommending the City Council fund the "overage" of the water line from the new regional hospital at a cost of approximately \$60,000 and to fund the "overage" of the water main for the State Hospital project, and to include the need for a water study to be put on the fast track. All members present voted in favor with a unanimous aye voice vote. Motion Carried.

3. City Engineer Schwartzkopf discussed the Progress reports from Ulteig Engineers, Inc. relating to the East Business Loop Reconstruction project and the Sanitary Sewer System Collection Study. The East Business Loop Reconstruction project is on schedule with the City attorney is working on proper language for easements. Most of the functional design work is done and the project is proceeding as planned.

The Sanitary Sewer Collection System study is progressing well but that Ulteig will need another 1-2 months to pull all the information together and hopefully it will show some data that will be favorable.

4. In other business, Chairman Trefz said we need to review ordinances section by section and make recommendations to Council.

City Council member Kourajian asked about the status of the Land Use & Transportation Plan. City Engineer Schwartzkopf said the request for qualifications has been put together and is under review for initial comments prior to distribution to the Staff, the Planning Commission and the Council and NDDOT for their review and comments, and that it should be released later this week.

5. Motion made by Bergquist to adjourn. Bensch seconded. Motion Carried.