

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Work Session Meeting
January 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Ridge on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Dyer, Christian, Hoogstra, Weissenborn, Mayor Ridge, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION – OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Mayor Ridge explained the purpose of the work session and that the chairman of the Planning Commission would be present along with Bryan Myrkle to give an overview of the operations and purpose of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Pro-Tem Armitage arrived at 6:01 P.M.

Bryan Myrkle explained the Planning Commission’s roles and that the board is comprised of nine members. He gave an overview of typical activities that come before the board.

Council member Baker arrived at 6:04 P.M.

Mr. Myrkle stated that the primary duties of the commission are to approve site plans. He stated one of the major goals will be to obtain a full board. There are three vacancies currently on the board.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DISCUSSION – OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Pro-Tem Armitage stated that he is in favor of having a separate board to act as Zoning Board of Appeals.

City Manager Guetschow explained the appeal process for needing a Zoning Board of Appeals and what typically would come before this board.

Council member Dyer expressed concern with the Council acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals because of the implications for elected officials.

City Manager Guetschow explained the findings that have to be met for each appeal process.

Mayor Ridge adjourned the work session at 7:04 P.M.

Mayor Yvonne Ridge

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk, CMMC