

Atkins Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes

June 10, 2021, Atkins, Iowa

The Atkins Planning & Zoning Commission regular meeting

Meeting was conducted in person at City Hall as well as via Teleconference –Members present were Gordy Jacobsen, Linda Clark and Alan Nebola.

Secretary for the meeting was Alan Nebola

Non-Members in attendance were Mayor Bruce Visser, Samantha Petersen, Kathy Jacobsen, Lana Robinson, John Skow and Shawn Steffen.

Jacobsen brought the meeting to order with a roll call of members at 6:42 PM.

Members present Jacobsen, Clark and Nebola. The three members in attendance meet the quorum requirements.

Nebola then made a motion to approve the agenda and Clark seconded the motion.

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Clark made a motion to approve the minutes from the 5/11/2021 meeting and Nebola seconded the motion.

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Samantha Petersen made a presentation about the impact of the Solar Utility project.

Although the presentation was informative, the city can take no position on the solar issue and has no real jurisdiction unless the topics are germane to planning and zoning.

No action was required by Planning and Zoning for this discussion.

Jacobsen opened a discussion concerning updates for the BC and AC Districts of the Atkins Zoning ordinance. The main discussion focused on signage requirements for AC commercial property as well as light pollution concerns, not only from businesses but also from streetlights and parking lots. Further discussion on this was tabled and will be reviewed at a working session scheduled for June 23rd at 6:30 PM.

The topic of row houses was discussed, and the multifamily requirements, as well as other trends that may involve planning and zoning ordinance revisions. Examples from Hiawatha, Muscatine, Altoona, and Grimes will be reviewed and further discussion on these items will be conducted along with revisions to AC and BC districts at the next regular scheduled meeting on July 8th.

Mayor Bruce Visser presented a storm recovery update. The park gazebo location and new Firehouse. No action was required by Planning and Zoning for this discussion.

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will be a working session on June 23rd, 2021, at 6:30 PM and a regular scheduled meeting on July 8th, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

Nebola made a motion to adjourn. Jacobsen seconded the motion.

Aye: Jacobsen, Nebola, and Clark. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Attest: Alan Nebola Attest: