



**CITY OF KNOX PLANNING COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes: August 7, 2018

Members Present: Greg Matt, John Wilson, Ron Parker, Brent VanNorman, Dan Allen, Don Kring, Jim Strong, Bertha Blue

Members Not Present: N/A

Staff Present: Kenny Pfof, Martin Bedrock

Staff Not Present: N/A

The August 7, 2018 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Greg Matt. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, and Roll Call was performed. Member Allen made a motion to approve the July 3, 2018 minutes. Member Strong seconded the motion. Carried 8-0.

Public Hearing: Recommendation to Amend Title XIII, Supplemental District Regulations, of the City of Knox Code of Ordinances. President Matt Opened the hearing by reading the public noticed that had been published in the local newspaper. Steve Dodge was in attendance, and he asked a question about subsection A being stricken from the ordinance. Secretary Pfof clarified that letters A, B, and C would be stricken from Section 4. He went on to say that letter A was re-worded in Section 7. President Matt closed the hearing. Member VanNorman questioned the wording of the ordinance regarding tents. It was clarified that tents are considered recreational, and they do not to be permitted. President Matt then asked for a motion to accept the amendment and recommend it to the Knox City Council. Vice President Wilson made the motion and Member Parker seconded the motion. Carried 8-0.

Knox Fertilizer Company: Secretary Pfof updated the members that the permit for Knox Fertilizer Company had been renewed due to no changes having been made to the site plan, and construction is underway.

Other Business: There was more discussion about the two-mile jurisdiction. Attorney Bedrock said that he talked to Starke County Planning Commission Attorney Martin Lucas. Attorney Bedrock advised that he explained to Attorney Lucas that the City of Knox is responsible for planning and zoning, and the County is responsible for code enforcement in the two-mile jurisdiction. He stated that Attorney Lucas agreed with that. Attorney Bedrock went on to say that director of the Starke County Planning Commission believes that the City is responsible for code enforcement in the two-mile jurisdiction since the City collects building permit fees in that area. Questions were raised on how to proceed with this issue in the future. A question was raised if giving up the building permits was a possibility. Steve Dodge mentioned the possibility of having two permits: one from the City of Knox for following the City's planning and zoning. The actual building permit would come from the County. Member Strong stated that the ways he interprets the state statute, the two-mile jurisdiction is for utilities, water, sewer, and fire protection. Other members said that the two-mile jurisdiction is to control what is built in that area.

Adjournment: Member Kring made a motion for adjournment. Member Allen seconded the motion. Carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned.

Kenny Pfof
Director/Secretary