

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING, MI

January 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Reading City Hall by chairperson Betty Blount. The meeting also was available on Zoom. Members in attendance were Betty Blount, Warren Bartels, Chad Penney, and Derek Bassage. Attending remotely was Chuck Hartshorn. Member absent was Rebecca Matz. Also in attendance were Ben Wheeler and Kym Blythe. Chad made a motion, seconded by Derek, to approve the November 2021 minutes. Motion carried 4-0. The agenda was accepted as presented. There was no public for any comments.

NEW BUSINESS: Chad made a motion, seconded by Derek, to have the same officers as in 2021. These are Betty (chair), Chad (vice chair), and Warren (secretary). Derek seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The proposed 2022 meeting schedule was presented. Warren made a motion, seconded by Derek, to approve the schedule as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2021 Annual Report was presented. Chad made a motion, seconded by Derek, to approve the 2021 Annual Report. Motion carried 4-0.

Our 2022 Annual Work Program was discussed. Also briefly noted was that we met our 2021 goals. Items mentioned were reviewing our Master Plan pp.71, 73, 75, and 77 as they pertain to the Planning Commission, city wells being cleaned and maintained, checking tree planting in the city as suggested by Michelle Bennett in developing the new Master Plan, and checking the CIP. In regards to the wells, Chad shared that the city has hired a maintenance person and Kym shared the name of the company that works with it and computer information that helps track it. It was agreed that more trees would be a nice addition to the city, possibly downtown, but noted that the Planning Commission has no authority or finances to spearhead that. We can always follow the progress of the CIP. So, Chad made a motion, seconded by Warren, to make reviewing the Master Plan, pp. 71, 73, 75, and 77 as pertaining to the PC our Annual Work Program Goal for 2022. Motion carried 4-0.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS: Master Plan—there is nothing new since reviewing last fall.

Marihuana Ordinance review—there was some discussion about our local language eliminating the separate medical and recreational provisions and leaving them combined into just one marihuana provision. This would eliminate the necessity of having two public hearings, and most businesses that do medical get their recreational licenses anyway. Chad and Ben will look into new language that can be discussed at a future meeting.

PERMITS: none.

OTHER COMMENTS: Ben brought up the possibility of having someone else be the point person in developing our monthly agenda.

Warren made a motion, seconded by Derek, to adjourn at 8:06. Motion carried 4-0.