

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING

January 28, 2013

Present: Christine Gollnick, Warren Bartels, Dale Cook, Chad Penney, Chuck Hartshorn, Emma Everett, Mary Jo Pattie, Betty Blount. Absent: Cyrus Cooper. Also present: Ben Wheeler, Bonnie Thompson, Karen Scugoza.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at Reading City Hall by Chris. Warren read the November minutes. Dale made a motion, seconded by Chad, to approve the minutes. Motion carried 8-0. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Old Business: Reviewing of the Special Assessment Ordinance was tabled. Punitive action was the major difference between the samples previously shared for review.

New Business: Chuck made a motion, seconded by Mary Jo, to keep the same officers as in 2012. Motion carried 8-0. Chairperson: Christine Gollnick, Vice Chair: Chad Penney, Secretary: Warren Bartels.

Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve the 2013 meeting schedule. Motion carried 8-0.

Emma made a motion, seconded by Chad, to accept the 2012 Annual Report. Motion carried 8-0.

There was discussion about Annual Work Program Ideas for 2013. Suggestions included: 1) Sidewalk improvement, 2) Parking regulations, 3) Promoting growth in Reading in the areas of retail, soft industry, housing, and the arts and services already provided, 4) Encouraging positive appearances around town, 5) Monitoring the old lumber company site as it deteriorates, 6) Reviewing dilapidated building ordinances and ideas to encourage improvement and change, any recommendations going to City Council, 7) Reviewing Home Occupation growth in the city and making sure people are following ordinance regulations.

Ben shared some information on Special Sidewalk Assessments and how sample costs could be determined. Improvement would also involve determination of special assessment areas to be worked on and public hearings before implementation.

No permits were issued. Next meeting: March 25, 2013.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Jo. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:16.