

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

July 27, 2015

Present: Christine Gollnick, Warren Bartels, Chad Penney, Chuck Hartshorn. Absent: Dale Cook, Emma Everett. Also present: Kim Blythe.

Chris opened a hearing on the Historic Overlay District at 7:01 p.m. There were two items to consider: 1) façade improvements—the lower areas on the city buildings needs repair and brick will be used. 2) A new roof for the Reading Community Library—a metal replacement roof with various colors suggested has been requested. Discussion centered whether the better material to fit the Historic Overlay District would be a metal roof or asphalt shingles. We felt it would perhaps be helpful to have a little more information on what type of metal roofing material would be used. We did not want it having a pole barn feeling. The hearing was closed.

Chad made a motion to approve the plan for new brick at the City Hall. Motion carried 5-0. After a little more discussion, Warren made a motion, seconded by Chad, to not approve a metal roof due to concerns that one on that building would give it too much of a pole barn look, not in character with the Historic Overlay District downtown, and to approve asphalt shingles with the library choosing some textured look in a beige, brown, or some colonial red shade. Motion carried 4-1, with Chuck voting no.

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Chad, to approve the May minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

The agenda was approved.

Old Business: Fences—tabled until there is further information from Ben.

New Business: Compliance permits have been issues to—

Osborn, 401 W. Silver Street, for a house, garage, and decks

Dollar General, 475 N. Main Street, for two signs

Steve Bryan on behalf of Reading Community Schools, for a sign at the track

Thomas Cook, 401 Michigan Street, for a privacy fence

A compliance permit has been denied to—

Richardson, 618 Michigan Street, for an addition

Betty made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to close the meeting at 7:47. Motion carried 5-0.

Next meeting: September 21.

