

**CITY OF HANOVER
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2013 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Dawn Spraugel called the August 26, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Chair Dawn Spraugel, Jim Schendel, Reid Rabon, and Liaison Doug Hammerseng. Also present was Administrative Assistant Brian Hagen. Members Chris Zanetti and Julie Smola were absent.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Spraugel asked why the required documents were not handed in on time for the Verizon plans. Hagen explained Verizon's goal timeline of starting their project beginning of September. He further explained that Verizon had first contacted him approximately two weeks ago. Given the short amount of time they were unable to gather appropriate signatures on the documents. Hagen did stated that the actual plans were submitted early enough for staff to have time to review. Chair Spraugel asked the members if they were comfortable voting on the Verizon site plan. Members were comfortable to vote.

MOTION by Schendel to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Rabon. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from July 22, 2013 Regular Meeting

Chair Spraugel made a correction to the second page of the minutes. She corrected a name that was reference as Ms. Beasley, where it should read Ms. Bury.

MOTION by Schendel to approve amended minutes, seconded by Rabon. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Forum

None

Public Hearing

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

AT&T Site Plan Review

Hagen explained the history of the location and what AT&T is proposing to construct on the site. He stated there is a monopole constructed at 11440 8th St. NE for the purpose of holding telecommunications antennas. Rabon stated that the use AT&T is proposing seems to follow what was intended for this location. The members held a discussion stating their concerns about noise, size of structure, easement for underground lines. Schendel stated diesel engines now days are very quiet. It was also discussed the environmental impact of diesel versus natural gas. The members wish to protect the environment any way possible. Schendel was unsure if natural gas was available at the site. Members were also concerned about the size. They did not want to prevent other carriers from installing antennas on this monopole in the future. Hagen did explain that the original Interim Use Permit states the monopole can house up to three additional antennas making the total number four. With technology changes the companies may be limited on the size of structure they can house their equipment in. Schendel stated he granted an easement to Verizon that was different than the easement AT&T was using. The new easement is a shorter distance across his property. Members thought it would be a good idea for AT&T to utilize the same easement location. Spraugel asked if the fence was to remain where it is now. Hagen stated the fenced in area would not have to expand.

MOTION by Rabon to approve site plan with the recommendations listed below, seconded by Schendel. Motion carried unanimously.

- Reduce structure size
- Share generator with other companies at the location
- Use natural gas if possible
- Use easement granted to Verizon in order to reduce the distance traveled across Burschville Construction property

Verizon Site Plan Review

Members held a quick discussion for the Verizon plans because of the similarity to AT&T. They did state that the site plan was reviewed for an incentive to work with AT&T on the structure sizes and shared generator. Members also agreed they should have the same recommendations as AT&T received. Spraugel also suggested these topics be placed in the newsletter to inform residents cell phone coverage should become better.

MOTION by Rabon to approve site plan with the recommendations listed below, seconded by Schendel. Motion carried unanimously.

- Reduce structure size
- Share generator with other companies at the location
- Use natural gas if possible

Reports

Rabon stated he was happy the Hanover made the Star Tribune with two great articles. He explained one resident asked how Todd Bartels can be on the EDA when he is not a Hanover resident. He further stated three residents have asked him about Hanover being lenient as it was stated by a new business owner in one of the articles. Rabon explained to members that he told residents he did not feel Hanover was lenient because no rules were changed in order to bring any of the news businesses into town. Hagen responded to Rabon's report by explaining the EDA has two of its members as Hanover Business representatives. This is why Todd Bartels is able to serve on the board. Hagen also explained that the comment on leniency may have been misrepresented because staff has been enforcing the ordinances. Councilor Hammerseng agreed that the two articles were great for Hanover.

Adjournment

MOTION by Schendel to adjourn, seconded by Rabon. Motion carried unanimously, adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brian Hagen, Administrative Assistant