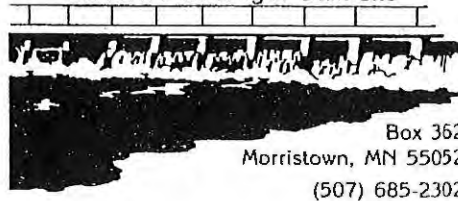


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MORRISTOWN ZONING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2022

Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. (Amending Sections of the Agricultural Zoning Code)

Members Present: Chairman Jim Lonergan, Kurt Wolf, Tyler Velzke

Members Absent: Faye Golombeski

Also Present: City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Duban, Mike O'Rourke, Dan Morris

1. **Call to Order:** The Morristown Zoning Board regular meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Lonergan on Thursday, March 17, 2022, in the Council Chambers in City Hall, at 402 Division Street S., Morristown, MN 55052.
2. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda:** Motioned by Wolf, seconded by Velzke and was carried unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.
3. **Additions/Corrections of Meeting Minutes:** Motioned by Velzke, seconded by Wolf and was carried unanimously to approve the February 17, 2022 Zoning Board Meeting Minutes.

Motioned by Velzke, seconded by Wolf, and was carried unanimously to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:00 P.M. AMENDING SECTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL ZONING CODE

Public concerns included limiting future development for the City by allowing large parcel single family development, removing the 30 foot building height restriction, whether it may cause issues with parcels being landlocked, if there would be any liability for the city or fire department for emergency services where fire hydrant access is not within range, and large parcel development will be less tax base down the road than small parcel development. In the scenario of the parcels for sale to the west of city hall (western parcel 20.27.1.50.005 and eastern parcel 20.27.1.75.002): if a single family home is built on the eastern parcel using 2nd Street as an access point then the western parcel will be land locked as the sliver of land extending to Fountain Street is not large enough to put in a driveway, why the city is considering changing three ordinances for two parcels of land, and will the city be responsible if/when the road by the culvert is washed out and the property cannot be accessed.

Motioned by Velzke, seconded by Wolf and was carried unanimously to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting.

4. **Report Council Action Taken at Last Meeting:**
 - A. 304 Division Street N. Excess Vehicles – The residents have informed the city that they currently have 33 vehicles and plan to get rid of 10 in the next 2-3 weeks depending on snow, there are 8 household members that are of driving age with vehicles, and they are requesting to have 20 vehicles on site and may be willing to put up a privacy fence. Council would like the residents to reduce the number of vehicles to 8 by 4/3/22 and if so, Council will re-address at the April meeting.
 - B. Ordinance 2022-3 Amending Sections of the Zoning Code Related to Agricultural Zoned Properties – Motioned by Flaten, seconded by Golombeski, and was carried unanimously to hold a public hearing for this matter at the Zoning meeting on 3/17/22.
5. **Requests to be Heard:** None
6. **Old/Unfinished Business:**

A. Zoning Administrator Position – no applications - position still posted.

7. New Business:

A. Ordinance 2022-3 Amending Sections of the Zoning Code Related to Agricultural Zoned Properties – Motioned by Velzke, seconded by Wolf and was carried unanimously to recommend to council to remove the building height changes in the proposed ordinance amendment. They also recommend that Council research if there is any liability for the city or fire department in the event of fire and a fire hydrant is not within accessible range and what would happen if a property became landlocked due to building on parcels of land over 5 acres.

8. Zoning Administrator's Report: None

N/A

Permits Issued:

2022-1	Michael Bohner/MN Rusco	202 E. Washington St	Window Replacement

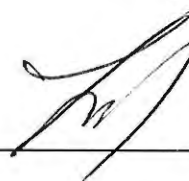
Permits Closed:

2021-24	Steven Droog	5 Front Street - MHC	Side mobile home

9. **Board Discussion and Concerns:** The board noted that if Mr. Jacobson requests an extension on permit 2021-6 which expires on 4/4/22 that he be required to attend a zoning meeting to do so. It appears that someone may be living in a motor home that is parked on the street in front of 103 Franklin Street W. This motor home has been parked on the street over the summer for quite a few years now. The board will do some research and discuss at the next meeting.

10. **Adjournment:** Motioned by Wolf, seconded by Velzke, and was carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:18p.m.

11. **Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.



Lisa Duban
City Clerk/Treasurer