

The City of New Melle Planning & Zoning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the New Melle City Hall temporary location at 30 Hwy D, Suite 102.

Present at roll call were: Chairman Shepis, Commissioners Kern, Brink, Riecke and Birk, Alderman Hendrich, and Mayor West.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Kern, seconded by Alderman Hendrich to accept the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor West, seconded by Alderman Hendrich to accept the October 6, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Dave Shrader – 5 Birch Tree Ln – was the spokesman for the Birch Tree Lane citizens that were included in the Involuntary Annexation Proposal. He stated that they did not want any part of the involuntary annexation and they already patronized the businesses, this is where they live, and the inclusion in the City limits had nothing to offer them. Mayor West explained that the City would like to fill in its boundaries and that he had hoped they would like to be included in being a part of the City of New Melle. Chairman Schepis also expressed his desire for the annexation. It was discussed that when those citizens had a previous problem in their neighborhood, they came to the City for help.

Several other residents expressed their dislike to the plan and that they were happy with the way things were. They felt the City could offer them nothing since they already maintain their own private streets, have their own utilities and pay taxes to the County for other services.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Hendrichs made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kern to proceed with the Involuntary Annexation Process for all 17 properties identified on the zoning map. Motion passed unanimously.

The Building Inspector Report was reviewed and it was decided to take further action on some very old outstanding inspections. A motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Alderman Hendrichs to have Robert Barclay send 10-day (ten-day) notices to the 3 (three) oldest projects stating that further legal action would be taken if not completed. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Hotfelder stated that Gerry Wolf had filed for a Variance from the Board of Adjustment for his previously planned storage units. She reported that there were not enough members of the Board of Adjustment to hold a meeting and that no action has been taken on that request.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

The report was handled under Old Business.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Road Committee Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ITEMS

There were no Code Enforcement Items.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kern and seconded by Alderman Hendrich to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hotfelder, City Clerk