

Devils Lake Planning Commission
12-12-19

Members present: Terry Thompson, Vonda Markestad, Rodger Haugen, Tom Traynor, Wyatt Hanson, Ray Sletteland, Dick Johnson.

Others present: Dave and Kathy Freidig, Steven Zimmer.

Ray opened the public hearing to review a request to amend the zoning regulations for Central Area Commercial zoning to allow a laundromat as a conditional use permit.

Currently highway commercial zoning allows a laundromat as a permitted use and neighborhood commercial zoning allows a laundromat as a conditional use permit. Steven Zimmer said other cities do have laundromats and dry cleaners as permitted uses in commercial zones. He recommends the planning commission amend the zoning regulations to allow a laundromat as a conditional use permit in central area commercial zoning. This would allow the City to review specific plans prior to approval.

Dave Freidig said the parking in the downtown area will not be an issue for those who would be using a laundromat; Kathy Freidig said she expects the majority of their clientele will be from the downtown apartments and will be walkers.

Steven Zimmer noted that the proposed change in zoning to allow a laundromat in central area commercial is not specifically for the laundromat the Freidig's are proposing, but rather for any such use in the future.

Terry asked if letters went out to those in the surrounding area and was told the proposed change in zoning language was advertised as a public hearing and did not get letters sent to neighbors.

Ray closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting. Rodger made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion 2nd by Wyatt. Carried.

Rodger made a motion to recommend approval of a change in the language that would allow a laundromat as a conditional use permit in central area zoning district. Motion 2nd by Vonda. Carried.

The planning commission will meet again January 2, 2020 to review two conditional use permits: a laundromat in an area zoned as central area commercial, and an above ground fuel tank in an area zoned as highway commercial.

Rodger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2nd by Vonda. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson
Recording Secretary