

BROWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 16, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chairman Vandewarker at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Todd Vandewarker, Commissioners Keith Redlin, Jack Bell, Joanne Potts, Laura Carpenter, Jay Berry. Mayor Chris Lee, City Manager Clint Holmes, City Clerk Kelly Pavel.

ABSENT: Commissioners Mike Frey and William Walters.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Carpenter, second by Commissioner Redlin, to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None scheduled.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Discussion regarding 6840 Water Street. City Manager received an anonymous complaint, the City determined that the garage behind 6840 Water Street had been converted into an apartment that is in violation of the City's Land Use Ordinance. A certified letter was sent to the property owner detailing the violation. The City Council has turned this issue over to the Planning Commission for review and action.

Commission discussed possible options to addressing the situation at 6840 Walter Street. City Manager states that no building permit is on file at the County. Home owner states that this dwelling is 600 sq ft and was built about 17 years ago. The property owner attended the meeting and confirmed that two people are dwelling here as well.

Motion by Commissioner Redlin, second by Commissioner Carpenter, to recommend that the City Council approve the issue of a Non-Conforming Use Permit subject to City Ordinance 152.171, with the stipulation that the number of tenants on the current water bill is amended from 3 to 4 people. Motion Carried.

2. Thumb Cellular plans to upgrade their cellular service to “4G”. In order to accomplish this they need to run fiber optic cable south along Maple Valley Road then east along M-90, with a branch to their substation adjacent to the water tower. Recommend approval of work within the city limits.

Motion by Commissioner Carpenter, second by Commissioner Potts, to recommend the City Council approve a permit to allow Thumb Cellular to install fiber optic cable as planned within the city limits. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding real estate inquiries on various downtown buildings.

Motion by Commissioner Carpenter, second by Mayor Lee, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pavel
City Clerk