

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2023

The City of Owen Planning Commission met on Tuesday August 17 at 6:00 pm at Owen City Hall. Members Present: Bob Wilczek, Kyle Westaby, Chad Smith-DPW, and Brian Bredlau. John Mauel, Mark Schmidt, Mike Loskat and Scott Jalling-Mayor were absent. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Others present: Tracy Rau Clerk/Treasurer and Cindy-Enterprise Sentinel

Discuss/Act on a request from Patrick Esker to purchase land from the city parcel

#265.0700.000: DPW Chad Smith thinks we should have a business plan from Esker because we do have another person interested. The second person approached the city about a mechanic/car lot. Wilczek asked if Esker was still interested. Smith said himself, Clerk Rau and Mayor Jalling met with Esker, and he would like to purchase the land, sounds like they would like to build but no definite time. Explained to him before the meeting we are not in the business of just selling land and it just sitting. We need him to build now. He understands and a contract would specify a time to build by and a certain amount of money. Going off the River Country Co-Ops contract. A contract similar to that. Esker said he'd have a 2-million-dollar business, but he brings in 15 million worth of product a year. Thinking his machines, customer base. If he expands out there, he might have that as warehouse. The land is supposed to be loted with 5 lots. Wilczek said it has been so long it probably would have to be resurveyed. Esker would like to see a 200x300 feet shed, not including office and another maintenance 100ft building. Wilczek said everything sounds great, I want to see nuts and bolts. Three or four different stages, fine, as long as we have a timeline. How much land would the mechanic/car lot looking for? Smith said four to five acres. Did offer him the seven acres in the Business Park. Wilczek would like to see Esker and the mechanic/car lot have business plans and timelines. Get ahold of Sheila Neiberg, who is the Community Developer for Clark County, see if she could sit down with Esker to get together to make a plan. Bredlau/Westaby motion to have Pat Esker and the other business write up a business plan with the assistance of Sheila Neiberg if wanted. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on property previously purchased in Business Park Parcel #265.0704.001:

Wilczek had John Mauel talk to Bohl, Chad has spoken with him as well, and he is still waiting on a couple things. He does want to get going and could get the dirt and concrete work started this week. Bohl is not out of time.

Future Agenda Items: Next meeting September 26 at 5:00pm with an Esker/Mechanic update.

ADJOURN

Wilczek adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm

Respectfully given to the best of my ability, Jessi Stolfi Deputy Clerk