

Planning Commission Meeting
September 22, 2015 @ 6:00 PM
Markesan City Hall

Call to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Rich Slate. Roll Call completed by sign in.

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Citizen's Comments by Dolgner/Talma.
Motion carried.

There were no Citizen's comments.

The Public Hearing to allow 675 N Margaret Street to rezone the property from C-2 Highway Commercial to R-2 Multi-Family Residential was opened.

Connie Wilsnack approached the board with the following concerns:

- What are the future plans for the hotel as apartments?

The owner stated he would rent to seasonal and year round tenants. There were no written plans or floor designs presented.

- She also brought up a concern over neon or other lighting that may disturb the existing neighbors.

It was noted that the neon light has not worked in many years and further that the property would need to conform to the residential lighting and sign requirements.

- There was also a concern over the dumpster at the property.

It was noted that this is also regulated and if she had specific concerns, to contact the Streets Committee chairperson or building inspector.

- Lastly, she commented that it would be a shame not to have a motel in the City of Markesan.

The Planning Committee requested that the Zoning code be sent to Connie for her review along with the web site address to access all Markesan's ordinances online.

Steve Bieszki approached the board in support of the rezoning. As a former owner, this is not a new idea. The owner before him also had plans to something similar, but never followed through.

Mr. Bieszki said he would rather see it be a productive property, than have it close down and become blight in the City's developing commercial district.

With no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed and committee discussion took place.

Motion to recommend approval of the zoning change from C-2 Highway Commercial to R-2 Multi-Family Residential to the City Council by Hamer\Wills. Motion carried, with 2 abstentions (Tony Dolgner, Rich Slate)

It was noted that the building inspector should make sure that if the zoning change takes place, the property conforms to the R2-Multi Family zoning requirements.

Chairperson's note: Once the zoning change takes place, the use of the property for a motel would not be allowed in a R-2 Multi-Family Residential zone. The City Council may want to address this by allowing the property owner until the end of the year to conform the property use to the new zoning code.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dolgner/Walker. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Rich Slate, Chairperson