

**Le Sueur Planning Commission
Public Hearing
May 21, 2008**

Members Present: Bill von Lehe, Scott Schlueter, Teresa Tebbe, Pete Miller, Doug Malm, and Jeff Kerkow

Members Absent: Jo Anderson, John Wentworth,

Others Present: Planning Director Tana Nereson
No Public Attendance

Chairman von Lehe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City of Le Sueur Municipal Building located at 203 South Second Street.

Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2008 Public Hearing

Commissioner Schlueter stated that he had abstained from voting on the Conditional Use Permit for the Industrial Park at the previous hearing.

A motion by Commissioner Malm, seconded by Commissioner Miller approving the minutes of the March 19th, 2008 Public Hearing as corrected. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Continued Public Hearing - City of Le Sueur, MN. Consideration of a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article XII. Signs, Sections 27-72, 27-73, 27-74, 27-75, 27-76, & 27-77 REQUEST IS FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LE SUEUR, MN.

Chairman von Lehe opened the public hearing.

Much discussion took place regarding new verbiage added to the proposed Ordinance to cope with the issue of temporary signage in the City.

Chairman von Lehe recommends to the Commission that State Statute be referred to in regards to election or referendum signage.

Chairman von Lehe also questions what would be the appropriate action to take for political message signs such as "Support Our Troops?" Planning Director Nereson responds by saying those would likely be handled similar to the election or referendum signage. However it should be noted that these temporary signs should not be located in the city right of way.

Council Liaison Kerkow questions how we intend to proceed with notification of the business owners if these signs would be affected by the new code. In addition he would like information about the enforcement process that will be taken to bring our local businesses into compliance.

Nereson explained that existing signage would be allowed as a legal non-conforming use and the only signs that would be required to conform following the passage of the amendment

would be that of the temporary or banner signs.

Chairman von Lehe speaks to the issues of obscuring windows with signage. He felt this could potentially be a security or safety issue.

Chairman von Lehe closed the public hearing.

A motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Schluetter to recommend approval to the City Council for the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance with minor revisions to the governmental, election and referendum sign language within Article XII. Signs, Sections 27-72, 27-73, 27-74, 27-75, 27-76, & 27-77. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Continued Public Hearing - City of Le Sueur, MN. Consideration of a proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Article XIV. Mining and Extraction, Sections 27-84, 27-85, 27-86, 27-87, & 27-88. REQUEST IS FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LE SUEUR, MN.

Chairman von Lehe opened the public hearing.

Commissioners present acknowledge that changes had been made as previously recommended.

Planning Director Nereson had Le Sueur Planning Officials reviewed the proposed amendment and had no objections.

Commissioners were pleased to see information regarding dust control and reclamation.

Commissioners question what would define "mining".

Planning Director Nereson explained that the definition section of the City of Le Sueur Zoning Ordinance defines mining.

Nereson spoke about bonding issues relative to abandoned mines and reclamation.

Chairman von Lehe closed the public hearing.

A motion by Commissioner Malm, seconded by Commissioner Miller to recommend approval to the City Council for the proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Article XIV, Mining and Extraction, Sections 27-84, 27-85, 27-86, 27-87, & 27-88. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion by Commissioner Malm, seconded by Commissioner Miller and duly carried to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

/s/ Bill von Lehe _____
Chairman