

**Le Sueur Planning Commission
Work Session
November 21st, 2007**

Members Present: Bill von Lehe, Pete Miller, Scott Schlueter, Teresa Tebbe,
John Wentworth

Members Absent: Doug Malm, Jo Anderson

Others Present: Planning Director Tana Nereson

Chairman von Lehe called the work session 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 November 7th, 2007 Work Session

A motion by Commissioner Schlueter, seconded by Commissioner Miller approving the minutes of the November 7th Work Session as written. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Work Session - Rezoning of Portions of North Second Street

Commissioners discussed the existing and future use of North and South Second Street. It was the recommendation of the Commission to extend the B1 area to include the area between Swan Street and Church Streets. Discussion took place as the local grain elevator would not meet current regulations of the B1 district, because of its height. General consensus of the Commission is to leave the blocks North of Church Street and Grove Street out of the proposed Zoning Amendment.

Nereson stated that she would check on legal descriptions for portions of this Maple and Church Streets and have Bolton & Menk correct the database to reflect the appropriate street vacations.

Work Session - Historical Overlay District, Main Street

Reviewed handouts from New Prague and Jordan historical districts provided by Planning Director Nereson. As an alternative to enforcement of design criteria, Nereson provided an example of a program that allows for downtown business owners to refurbish store fronts in exchange for tax abatement. Commissioners stated that this would be a more favorable approach to compel downtown businesses to comply with a specified design criteria. Nereson stated she would discuss this with City Administrator Almich.

Discussion – Mining Reclamation Policy

Staff is reviewing the current Mining Reclamation Policy. Nereson is recommending amending all language in the current code relating to fees, performance bonds, rehabilitation, and reclamation. Public Hearing on this matter shall take place on January 2nd, 2008.

Miscellaneous

Nereson distributed information regarding roundabout design for future reference.

Adjournment

A motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Tebbe and duly carried to adjourn.

/s/ Bill von Lehe _____
Chairman