# City of Rockford, Minnesota Planning and Zoning Commission Special Meeting Minutes

**7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28th, 2024**

# CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen-Biorn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6031 Main Street, Rockford, MN.

# ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Chair Petersen-Biorn, Vice Chair Morter, Sand and Cihlar. The following members were absent Vergin. Also in attendance was Planner Dan Licht and City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator Debbie Buoy.

Penny and Zach Koskovich, Cory Nygaard, Jeremy Nelson, Fritz Budig, Chris Smith and Kevin Bohl were also in attendance.

# APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION** was made by Cihlar, seconded by Morter to approve the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED** Voting in favor, Petersen-Biorn, Morter, Sand and Cihlar.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** was made by Cihlar, seconded by Morter to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 11th, 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED** Voting in favor, Petersen-Biorn, Morter, Sand and Cihlar.

# PUBLIC HEARING

# Fish Dream Brewing PID#s 113-014-000012 & 113-014-000130

# Preliminary and Final Plat

# Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easements

# Planner Dan Licht stated, The proposed Fish Dream Brewery provides an ideal destination use in Downtown Rockford that will increase the economic vitality of the area consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

# Chair Peterson-Biorn opened the public hearing at 7:09 pm.

# The Commission discussed the exterior finish of the building. Zach Koskovich described the proposed look as rustic modern. He hopes this will attract more people. Planner Licht suggested that brick is incorporated into the existing design, not changing the entire exterior surface to brick. This will allow a more modern look as well as blend in with existing businesses in the downtown area.

# Chair Peterson-Biorn closed the public hearing at 7:27 pm.

**MOTION** was made by Sand, seconded by Morter to approve the application with the condition of including brick on the exterior and subject to the 12 conditions as outlined by The Planning Company.

**MOTION CARRIED** Voting in favor, Petersen-Biorn, Morter, Sand and Cihlar.

# NEW BUSINESS

# None

# OLD BUSINESS

# None

# COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Sand stated she will be leaving the Planning Commission this summer.

**CITY STAFF UPDATES**

City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator Debbie Buoy stated the City is looking for election judges and listed a number of upcoming events.

# ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** was made by Sand, and seconded by Morter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

**MOTION CARIED** Voting in favor, Petersen-Biorn, Morter, Sand and Cihlar.

Typed this 29th day of March 2024

**Debbie Buoy**

*City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator*

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Approved:

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Wendy Peterson-Biorn

Chairperson

Attest:

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**Debbie Buoy**

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