

Reedsburg Plan Commission January 12, 2016



Mayor Dave Estes called the meeting of the Reedsburg Plan Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in Reedsburg City Hall.

Present: Alder Dave Knudsen, Alder Jim Heuer, Steve Zibell & Jim Schulenburg

Absent: Charlie Backeberg & Zach Meyer

Also present: Administrator Ken Witt, Brian Duvall, public, Press.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Heuer, seconded by Schulenburg to approve the 12/8/15 minutes.

Motion approved

Consideration and public input of possible future ATV city route and connection with Town of Winfield routes.

Dick Fish from Sauk County ATV club reviewed the local ATV map and stated that they have speed limits, age limits, certain safety certifications and standards, muffler standards of 90 decibels, and headlights/taillights. While no cities in the area have routes as of yet, several villages do.

Sheila Bentley (1219 Hills Crest) asked how many violations have there been and who polices them currently. She stated she lives in a residential area, not a recreational area. Fish stated that policing is done by villages, County, and DNR. They maintain contact with Sheriff Meister.

Kim Schwister (1132 3rd) stated that they currently have speeders on their street and no police unless called, that there are kids and animals in the area, that this could hurt property values, could cause to be open to other uses, and is currently being used as a test area for Jay's Power Center. Jay Mittlesteadt stated that he has enough area onsite for testing and does not use the streets. He added that ATVs are generally quiet and are used during daylight hours.

Sherry Churchill (1320 3rd) stated that there is no need for ATVs in town and that anything over 85db is detrimental.

Douglas Bentley stated that 90db equals a chainsaw and should consider 8th St and Viking Dr. instead. Fish added that the decibels are measured 12" from the muffler.

Frank Harmeyer (1975 N Dewey) stated that the street along RAMC is already busy and ATVs should be trailered instead.

Knudsen stated that this is still in the preliminary stage and he desires that all recreational opportunities be considered. Being the first city gives more opportunities to users and that NEVs and UTVs are already allowed on city streets.

Jeff Filter (1330 Lancer) stated that N Dewey is the third busiest street in town, Viking Dr the second, and questioned the benefits of ATVs.

Schwister stated that NEVs are quiet and ATVs on N Dewey could conflict with school buses and ambulances. S. Bentley stated that there is too much traffic on N Dewey, and the route

should be dropped. Knudsen added that he is in favor of allowing riders to use streets to get to the routes and that law enforcement is already in effect. D. Bentley stated that ATV advantages come at the expense of others. Harmeyer stated that ATV service businesses should be on the edge of town.

Brett Grinder (1125 Wellington) stated that some riders could use other streets too, as they do now to the west side Kwik Trip.

Discussion was held on developing additional routes outside the City to gain an alternate route, such as in the Town of Reedsburg. Estes stated that the Commission would receive the input tonight and may review it over the next month. Schulenburg stated that they have to start somewhere and hasn't made up his mind on it. Schwister added that ATV tires are made for dirt and not blacktop.

Motion by Estes, seconded by Zibell to drop consideration of this route.

Motion approved

Consider rezoning of property from Government to B-2 Business zoning district. – 140 Eagle St; parcel #1639. – City of Reedsburg.

This lot was rezoned from I-1 when bought by the City. Now the CDA has plans to use it for commercial purposes.

Motion by Knudsen, seconded by Zibell to recommend approval to B-2 to Council.

Motion approved

Consider amendment to Section 17.13(2) to add employee housing to B and I zoning districts.

This type of use has been considered by Lakeside for several years and may be needed at their new site.

Motion by Heuer, seconded by Knudsen to recommend approval of the amendment to Council.

Motion approved

Consider amendment to Section 17.38 – Sign Ordinance.

Discussion was held on banners, flags, home business signs and church signs. A draft version with the old sections removed will be sent to the members.

Adjournment: Motion by Heuer, seconded by Zibell to adjourn at 7:37 pm.

Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duvalle
Planner/Building Inspector