

**SPECIAL
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2011
6:00P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Members Present: Chairman Turnroth, Don Koehler, Chuck Koehler, Alderman Mark Vandersnick, Tony Sosi, Bill Groleau, Matt Lillpop, Sandy Henrekin, Mayor Blanton and Sylvia Frey -Secretary.

Members Absent: Debi Burke, Mark Searing, Richard Downey – City Administrator

Quorum was met and official business could be conducted.

Chairman Turnroth asked Sandy Henrekin to open the discussion regarding the city's comprehensive plan. The draft was reviewed via CD and projector equipment in the council chambers.

Sandy Henrekin stated a Comprehensive Plan Committee had been established to oversee the development and update of the city's comprehensive plan. The committee hired a consultant, Mike Reibel to help them with preparing this updated plan. Mayor commented this committee was compiled of various representation from our community – businessmen, township official, realtor, schools, and rural farm areas.

The consultant advised the committee members to take into consideration the census figures will be changing while this plan is in effect and various outlooks and community growth will continually change, whereas, no specific goals should be stated in this plan at this time.

Review was held on a chapter to chapter basis, with the following additions/changes to be made:

1. Include the Comprehensive Plan dated 1954 by Kincaid to the introduction section
2. Include under Inventory Sec. 7.1 - intergovernmental agreements – the Administrative Hearing program
3. Include I88West Corridor as an ongoing project for the local community.

Sandy Henrekin commented on the I88 West Corridor program and how Sterling – Morrison and Rock Falls have been working together on this project for the past 5-6 years. They are working together to bring businesses into our local community and cooperation between all cities has and continues to be productive and effective.

Some members felt that additional review of this plan would be needed before giving a recommendation at this time.

At the end of the discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Mark Vandersnick, seconded by Tony Sosi to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Next meeting is June 9, 2011 at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Rick Turnroth