

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Thursday, January 10, 2013
7:00P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present: Chairman Turnroth, Don Koehler, Debi Burke, Chuck Koehler, Alderman Mark Vandersnick, Tony Sosi, Matt Lillpop, Mayor David Blanton, Robbin Blackert – City Administrator.

Members Absent: Bill Groleau, Sandy Henrekin, Mark Searing – Building Inspector and Terry Wolf

Public Hearing Attendees: Allen Boseneiler

Roll Call was made. Quorum was met and official business could be conducted.

First item of Business – Approval of previous month’s minutes – (11/08/12) Chairman Turnroth asked for the members’ approval of minutes for 11/08/12. A motion was made by Debi Burke, seconded by Tony Sosi to approve these minutes. Motion carried.

Next item of Business – Public Hearing – Annexation (Resolution 2010-581)- 1004 East Rte 30, Rock Falls IL – (Owner-IDOT): Chairman Turnroth asked the members for a motion to enter into Public Hearing. A motion was made by Chuck Koehler, seconded by Alderman Mark Vandersnick, to enter into Public Hearing. Motion carried – 7 (yes). Public Hearing was opened 7:02pm.

Chairman Turnroth stated certification of publication notice was made December 7, 2012 and certified mailing requirements have been met and are in order for this Public Hearing.

Chairman Turnroth asked Robbin Blackert, City Administrator, to speak on behalf of petitioner (IDOT). Robbin stated back in 2010 the city had adopted a resolution which annexed property owned by IL Dept of Transportation (IDOT) on East Route 30 but this transaction was not finalized at that time. According to city ordinance whenever a property outside of the city limits is connected to the city’s utilities and is contiguous to the city limits, this property must be annexed into the city; whereas, a public hearing must be held for public input towards annexations. At the beginning of her tenure with the city, Robbin proceeded to complete the process by contacting IDOT for their written approval of this annexation per city ordinance compliance. After several months of contacting IDOT, she was given written approval by a letter from Mr. Eric Therkildsen, Acting Deputy Dir. Of Hwys. This public hearing will finalize the annexation process on this property into the city limits.

Chairman Turnroth asked the members if they had any questions for Robbin. No questions were asked.

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Chairman Turnroth asked if there were any written communications received. Robbin stated she had been verbally contacted by one of the property owners who had received mailings notice and he had stated that he had no issues with this annexation at this time.

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Discussion was held among the members and a motion was made accordingly. A motion was made by Don Koehler, seconded by Chuck Koehler to recommend the approval of the annexation of this property into the city limits as presented.

Roll Call – Vote Tally: Chairman Turnroth (yes), Chuck Koehler (yes), Don Koehler (yes), Debi Burke (yes), Alderman Mark Vandersnick (yes), Tony Sosi (yes) and Matt Lillpop (yes). Motion carried – (7) yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Mark Vandersnick, seconded by Tony Sosi to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:10pm

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Debi Burke, seconded by Alderman Mark Vandersnick to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Next meeting is February 14, 2013 at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Rick Turnroth