

CITY OF FORT ATKINSON
Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting ~ November 27, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Pres. Becker called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ROLL CALL.

Council: Cm. Kotz, Cm. Johnson, Cm. Lescohier, Cm. Hartwick and Pres. Becker.

Planning Commission: Comm. Frame, Comm. Greenhalgh, Comm. Kutz, Comm. Scherer, Cm. Lescohier, Engineer Selle and Chairman Trebatoski.

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer, Public Works Supervisor, Wastewater Supervisor, Parks & Recreation Director, Assistant Engineer, Library Director and Building Inspector.

REVIEW FULL DRAFT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.

Manager Trebatoski introduced the first draft of the plan. The goal is adoption in January. December 11th is the open house for general public to view and provide comments and feedback.

Ben Rohr and Dan Johns were present and reviewed Issues and Opportunities, Data Trends and Implementation Matrix that were vetted at the first meeting, July 10th, where Council and Planning Commission members participated.

Cm. Hartwick liked the 20 year plan and how the workshops allow progress to be reviewed and planned. He added comment on the west side of the City along Hwy 106/Riverside Drive and making it a more dominant entrance to the City. The Hwy 12 West Entrance along the bypass bridge to add signage on the overpass welcoming those into our City. Larsen Lagoon, potential for park and/or activities. Adding a park to the downtown area/cultural corridor adjacent to police and fire departments. Hartwick also encouraged consideration of adding broadband internet options. Skateboard park development and an alternative place by the Middle School. He also discussed smaller lots and smaller homes, not necessarily tiny homes but smaller scale properties.

Johns commented on smaller lots sizes that create flexibility and facilitate affordable housing, mother-in-law, accessory dwelling units. Allow the code to be more modern and allow reconfiguring lot sizes.

Comm. Greenhalgh asked on zoning for mobile home parks. Johns stated there needs to be an allowance but does not necessarily have to be planned for development.

Cm. Hartwick discussed extra-territorial growth and sizes of lots. Can our code be written to address needs and establish minimum lot sizes? The subdivision code would provide more in depth stats. Trebatoski pointed out the matrix to establish boundary agreements with surrounding municipalities.

Pres. Becker provided the topic of the northwest corridor of the City and extending beyond the bypass. The map assists with planning infrastructure and aiding in recreation development. Extending beyond the bypass creates street designations and can identify location of utility services.

Cm. Hartwick questioned the consideration of the concept map for the Kmart area. Trebatoski stated the concept plans were approved without specific designation for either of the plans however Council and Planning Commission favored the realignment plan.

Cm. Kotz pointed out economic development appearing in the matrix however not a main focus on its own. Rohr confirmed a dedicated chapter in the plan on economic development.

Cm. Johnson supports town square on South Water Street East, close to bike trails, culture corridor, the location is prime. He also commented on the entryway to Rock River Park on Hwy. 106 and the condition of the roadway that the State will not improve. Johnson suggested expansion of the bike trail or Riverwalk. He commented on added a boat launch, space for fishing along Riverside Drive.

Comm. Greenhalgh discussed changes on new developments. Hoping to be addressed prior to being presented to Planning Commission.

Comm. Frame discussed the city square concept and pointed out Bicentennial Park where land exists and can be further developed with consideration of the flooding issues and extra-territorial planning that does not deter city plans for growth.

Comm. Scherer added conversation on parking along Main Street. Pres. Becker confirmed past discussions on parking availability. Trebatoski confirmed a balance with private and public parking is necessary. Comm. Frame agreed he witnessed parking stall 'abuse' where business owners and employees took key stalls away from clients, visitors and customers in areas of on-street parking.

Comm. Kutz commented that areas with an increase in population focus on high density housing as it was reflected in the Kmart area concept plans.

Cm. Lescohier noted avenues for expansion are limited and maybe a high priority should be to extend corridors.

Cm. Johnson inquired on lack of development in Business Park. Trebatoski stated growth in Business Park is minimal, but similar to other communities. Pres. Becker pointed out a new listing manager in the recent years that has provided positive feedback on discussions. Comm. Kutz inquired on an economic development employee.

Cm. Hartwick commented on establishing a satellite location for UW Whitewater and exploring options with the innovation center.

Discussion continued on how often to review the comp plan, monitor accomplishments and changes due to unforeseen circumstances. Attendees reviewed various draft maps on use, transportation, boundaries and extra-territorial jurisdictions.

COUNCIL ADJOURNMENT

Cm. Kotz moved, seconded by Cm. Johnson to adjourn the Council meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT

Comm. Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Comm. Kutz to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm

Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL