

## **WATERLOO PLAN COMMISSION – MINUTES**

**January 31, 2019**

**[NOTE: approved by Plan Commission on 4/23/19; correction by Clerk/Treasurer on 4/24/19]**

### PUBLIC HEARING

1. CALL TO ORDER – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT SAC Wireless, on behalf of AT&T, requests a conditional use permit to allow for the construction of a new 190 foot telecommunications tower in Firemen's Park. Mayor Thompson called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Plan Commissioners attending: Leisses, Crosby, Springer, Thompson, Lannoy and Reynolds. Absent: Butzine. Others attending: Jay Killary; John Reeve; Charles Paris; Richie Stiles-Riddle; Wayne Getts; Carolyn Whittiker; Jason & Kelli Mountford; Susan Fouts; Catherine Kleiber; Valerie & Jeff Deegan; illegible name; Dick Blawusch; Mary Walter Rhyner; James Rhyner; Amelia & Travis Nowak; Tom & Dramise Gates; Peggy Hansen; Michael Strey; Jim Jermain representing AT&T; Daniel Kalina representing AT&T; Kim & David Kurkowski; Stacey Olson; Lynn Bertucci; Jason Schoenwetter; Terrence Olson; Stan Peschel; Barb Weihert; Mark Eternick; Keri Sellnow; Olivia, Esther & Mark Pratt; Jeni Quimby; Terry Kuhl; Diane Graff, the Courier; others that did not sign-in and the Clerk/Treasurer.
2. PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT – [Note: The audio recording for this hearing also serves as the official record. Recording begins at 7:15 pm.] An error with the site location was noted and acknowledged by Kalina and Jermain representing the applicants. Kalina described the need for a coverage map to cover the Waterloo's downtown. He said the project related to First Net benefitting first responders. The tower was described as less than 200 feet in height. Kalina said when co-locating is an option they are required to co-locate. Springer identified existing towers on (a) Sunset View Lane just outside the city in the Town of Waterloo, and (b) 760 West Clarkson Rd. Peggy Hansen said she has no problems with her existing service. Kalina said the coming 5G service would require more towers. Lannoy asked if the tower could be located elsewhere. Keri Sellnow, Jim Rhyner and others said the recorded park deed did not allow for the placement of the tower. Mark Eternick questioned the placement and the revenue generated. Amelia Nowak stated proximity to residential properties as an objection, questioning the survey work. Mary Rhyner questioned the value of the revenue. Mark Pratt said his property value would drop living in the tower's shadow. Dave Kurkowski called the project an eyesore. Multiple individuals suggested that the land was deeded to the public and not the City. Valerie Deegan suggested a park tax rather than a tower. Richie Stiles-Riddle questioned if due diligence was done. Mark Pratt said revenue shortages should be discussed. Jeni Quimby suggested moving it to the industrial park. Jim Rhyner said property values would decrease, he questioned the validity of the property lines. Dick Blawusch said AT&T's service was not needed. Amelia Nowak questioned the setbacks. Catherine Kleiber said serious health and environmental effects would result. Kelli Mountford offered a study showing a reduction of property values within a distance from the tower. Springer said the American Cancer Society said it wasn't a health risk. Dave Kurkowski questions if a tower was a good way to raise revenue. Jim Rhyner questioned the meeting notification process.
3. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING. Without objection, Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 9:09 pm.

### PLAN COMMISSION REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL. Mayor Thompson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:11 pm. after a brief informal recess to allow attendees to leave if they wished.
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES: December 18, 2018. MOTION: Moved by Springer, seconded by Leisses to approve the meeting minutes. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT. None.
4. COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT REPORT. Noted.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. By consensus due to time items 5a & 5b were tabled.
  - a. Discussion/Recommendation: Zoning Ordinance Changes Relating To Permitting Attached And Detached Garages And Garden And Yard Equipment Sheds.
  - b. Discussion/Recommendation: Revising The Special Assessment Policy (referred from Public Works & Property Committee).
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Discussion/Recommendation: Application For Conditional Use Permit, SAC Wireless (on behalf of AT&T) to allow for the construction of a new 190 foot telecommunications tower in Firemen's Park.  
DISCUSSION: MOTION: Moved by Crosby, seconded by Leisses to recommend Council denial of the

permit based on public input and the questionable ability to locate it in the park. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Leisses, Crosby, Springer, Lannoy and Reynolds. Motion to recommend denial approved.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS. None.

8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Springer, seconded by others to adjourn. Approximate time: 9:25 p.m.



Mo Hansen  
Clerk/Treasurer