

**MINUTES FROM A JOINT WORKING SESSION OF THE ROCKVILLE CITY COUNCIL,
PLANNING COMMISSION & STAFF HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008 – 6:00 P.M. –
ROCKVILLE CITY HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brian Herberg. Attending the meeting was:
City Council: Brian Herberg, Vern Ahles, Bill Becker & Don Simon.

Absent: Susan Palmer, Jim Pflapsen & Randy Volkmuth

Planning Commission: Toni Honer, Dale Borgmann, Jerry Bechtold, Dan Hansen, Jerry Tippelt & Steve Dietman.

Absent: None

Staff Members present: Rena Weber, Julie Zimmerman, Judy Neu, Rick Hansen, Mike Hofmann, & Scott Hedlund.

Also present: Dennis Tumberg – SEH GIS specialist.

Mayor Herberg announced that the Special Meeting had been called for the purpose of reviewing the following:

- **If not attending a meeting – please notify city hall
E-mail packets Vs delivery or pick up?**
- **Data View Purchase – what it can do**
- **Jed Burkett picture**
- **Rockville friendly – Stick to what you said**
- **2nd tier development – clarification on sewer debt**
- **APO Membership**
- **Goals**

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Mayor Herberg reminded all in attendance the importance of their position and the fact that they have to notify city hall if they are not going to be in attendance. Committees hold a significant part in the government process and these should be taken into account as well.

E-MAIL PACKETS VS DELIVERING OR PICK UP

Discussion was held regarding whether or not members would be okay with getting their packets through e-mail with the hard copy being available at city hall prior to the meeting. It was determined that this would be okay.

Bill Becker would like to see if the city would consider going strictly electronic.

DATA VIEW – Scott Hedlund and Dennis Tumberg presented information on the data view program their firm provides. Dennis Tumberg went through the layers of what is available. Questions were asked regarding: cost, who owns the software, how often updated, planning/zoning uses, 5 licenses per city, etc.

\$1200 annual hosting fee

\$ 150 to update

Check with Stearns County to see what is available on their web-site.

Toni Honer reported on the DNR web-site and that they are moving up the Mississippi River and doing something similar to this.

JED BURKETT PICTURE – copies of the picture were presented to members. Mayor Herberg explained the story behind reason for the picture. City gets a black eye on enforcing the ordinance. (Attached is a copy and is marked Exhibit B).

ROCKVILLE FRIENDLY – STICK TO WHAT YOU SAID

Decisions have been made and the council did not follow through on what they said.

- Council vacancy – timeline set to submit applications – extended it
- Interview applicants – did not interview
- Fire Chief appointment Election Vs Selection
- Annual evaluations of all staff – how handled

- Security issues at city hall – lack of respect for staff
- Nistler process how that was handled once they hired an attorney
- Schneider letter – city bent over backwards to make this happen
- Other permits that were approved and should not have been
- A-10 – city wide or select areas or should be called R-10 (Residential & allows hobby farm)
- Intent of consolidation – Jerry Bechtold (we would be able to sub-divide parcels under 40 acres) Idea was that we wanted to keep larger tracts of good agricultural land
- Development credits – who is enforcing that? (Jerry Tippelt presented two documents regarding transfer of development rights and are attached & marked Exhibit A).

2ND TIER DEVELOPMENT – CLARIFICATION ON SEWER DEBT

Mayor Herberg reported that ever since he has been Mayor there has always been 2nd tier development planned around the lakes. The sewer system was built to accommodate the development and it has to be paid for which amounts to around \$4 million dollars. Mayor Herberg reminded all, that we need to work with developers to ensure that some development occurs.

APO MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Herberg wanted the council to discuss joining the APO in order get federal funding. We are no longer in the Region 7W and in order to get our fair share of the federal dollars we need to join the APO. He was told that if you are member you will have a better chance of getting funding for things like the Rocori Trail.

GOALS –

1. Rockville comes across with an image that we are friendly to people
2. Get involved with the community such as Rock Fest
3. Safety measures at city hall should be addressed – we do have a panic button, but a plan should be in place to protect the employees
4. Send the message that we are united (PC & CC & staff) – some working session to talk about this and how we can better improve this aspect. Recognize that the PC has done their homework and are giving their best decision. It comes to the council and a comment is made which blows the credibility of the PC out of the water.
5. Council needs training on being a council person and the decisions need to affect the whole city, not just their area.
6. Provide training on presentation and being prepared to make a decision.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

VERENA M. WEBER-CMC
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK

BRIAN HERBERG
MAYOR