

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Common Council held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chamber, 220 Stout Street, Chetek.

Mayor Martin called the hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the petition for a text amendment to the Central Business District to allow rental apartments as a conditional use. Jason Fostvedt's building at 214 Knapp Street burned down completely and he is looking to rebuild the structure with only apartments. Previously the building had a beauty shop and two apartments.

Roll call: Cliff Bronstad, Mark Eby, Scott Bachowski, Jeff Martin, Mark Edwards.

Also in attendance: Randi Osberg, city attorney; Joe Atwood, building/zoning administrator; Dan Knapp, public works director; Shawn Ayers, C.J. Connor, Jennifer Blatz, Jason Fostvedt, Barb Geborek.

Public comments:

Shawn Ayers stated he felt having rentals in the central business district would have a negative impact on the downtown businesses. The central business district is meant for retail businesses, not rentals. CJ Connor stated she preferred to have another business in that location versus just rentals. Businesses refer customers to each other and more traffic will come down Knapp Street if there are more businesses.

Mayor Martin read a letters from Lynn & Randy Marty, Chetek Bakery owners; and Chris Moullet, It's My Lucky Day Boutique. Marty's letter stated that they felt it would not be in the best interest of the downtown area to have an apartment building. They were in favor of Jason rebuilding the structure with a business and rentals above or behind the business.

Chris Moullet wanted it known that she was against the petition. She felt not having a business in that location will deter people from walking further down the street to explore other businesses.

There was discussion regarding the type of structure Jason was proposing and the available area for required parking. He stated he had two separate plans and would have enough parking. The size of the apartments as well as the size of a possible store front was discussed. Randi Osberg stated he did not find any statute regulating the size of a store.

The hearing was adjourned - motion by Eby, 2nd by Bachowski. Carried.

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Carmen Newman, clerk/treasurer