

City of Chetek – Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2020.

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission for the City of Chetek was called to order at 6 pm on January 16, 2020 by Mayor Jeff Martin.

Roll call for the Planning Commission meeting was taken. Present were Mark Etten, Shawn Ayers, John Hunsinger, Mayor Jeff Martin, Del Wacker, Dave Swangim, and Scott Backowski.

Also present were Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Joe Atwood, Director of Public Works Dan Knapp, and Brad Volker.

Compliance with the open meeting law was verified by Joe Atwood.

1) Discussion/Action: Review possible text amendment for Ordinance 118-75 (c)(14) regarding airplane hangers on private property abutting the Chetek Southworth Municipal Airport.

Joe Atwood explained that he has had many inquiries about building hangers on the lots that abut the grass strip at the airport – but that the parties were put off by city ordinances that are confusing and involve too many steps.

The Planning Commission reviewed two emails/documents that were circulated to the Planning Commission members and city employees before the meeting.

The first email was from Howard Davis of the Wisconsin Dept of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics. Mr. Davis was replying to Dan Knapp's request for clarification regarding "through the fence" agreements and other State and Federal regulatory issues regarding hangers on private property abutting airports.

The second email was from Brad Volker of Cooper Engineering but acting as a private citizen. Mr. Volker was responding to Dan Knapp and Shawn Ayers' request for suggestions on how to make the ordinance more concise.

Brad Volker, who was present, explained some airport terminology, FAA expectations, and the possible changes to the ordinance he outlined in his email.

A discussion followed.

Scott Backowski stated that the folks living in the neighborhood abutting the grass strip may not like having more airplane hangers on residential lots in their neighborhood – and the coming and going of more aircraft close to their homes.

Shawn Ayers moved that Dan Knapp be assigned the task of working with Brad Volker, Shawn Ayers, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics, and other interested parties to write a new ordinance proposal to be brought back to the Planning Commission for further discussion. Del Wacker seconded. Mark Etten, Shawn Ayers, John Hunsinger, Mayor Jeff Martin, Del Wacker, and Dave Swangim voted yes; Scott Backowski voted No. Motion carried.

Dave Swangim moved that the meeting be adjourned. Shawn Ayers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
John Hunsinger