

CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN
APRIL 6, 2009 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the planning commission and was held on Monday April 6, 2009 at the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St, Prescott, Wisconsin.

Call to order/Roll call: Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Todd Dolan, Diane House, Julie Arndtson, Mark Huber and Tom Geistfeld. Tom Lee and Ron Stark were excused. Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

House/Arndtson motion to approve the minutes for February 2, 2009 passed without a negative voice vote.

Discussion was held on the proposed rental inspection ordinance. City Attorney Greg Amann reviewed the proposed ordinance and expressed concerns with how this proposed ordinance fits with other public health/building ordinance currently in the code of ordinances. Attorney Amann also stated that the provisions in the proposed ordinance create a significant property/"taking" issues and if enforced will likely rise to legal action. Attorney Amann suggests that the easiest way to handle this is to go through the Minimum Housing Code and get the standards and enforcement procedure in better form, and then refer many portions of the rental inspection ordinance standards to the Minimum Housing Code standards.

Commissioner House expressed concerns regarding a tenant not being able to contact city hall to help when a problem can not be resolved. Attorney Amann had been contacted regarding this question and he feels that the city should instruct the tenant to contact the landlord to try and resolve the issue. Amann also stated that state statues provide for the renter to withhold rent if the landlord does not address a problem. The city could do an inspection but there will be fees involved with the inspection. The city would be enforcing the Minimum Housing Codes. Title 15, Chapter 4 will be moved onto ordinance committee for them to review and update this chapter. The plan commission asked that the updated Title come back to plan commission.

Huber/Geistfeld motion to approve the February and March building reports passed without a negative voice vote.

Other Business: Commission Geistfeld commented on the city focusing on green technology.

Geistfeld/Arndtson motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand