

Chairman Birk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present at roll call were: Chairman Birk, Commissioner Ropp, Commissioner Nelson, Mayor West, and Alderman Hendrich. Commissioner Riecke was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor West made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hendrich to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alderman Hendrich, seconded by Commissioner Ropp to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor West informed the Commission of his attendance at the St Charles County Council meeting. The topic of discussion was Better Together St. Louis. He mentioned the danger to New Melle if the idea spreads to St. Charles County. He advised the Planning and Zoning Commission that the city should attempt to annex more land in the area surrounding New Melle. Commissioner Nelson agreed with Mayor West to talk to residents about annexing before the county comes in. Commissioner Ropp suggested putting the information out in the Boone Country Connection to make residents aware of the possible change.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Comprehensive Plan – Chairman Birk informed the commission that Kurt Kutter and Kurt Daniels of Cochran had a meeting with Todd Streiler but did not have any changes to make to the Comprehensive Plan. He informed the commission of his intention to continue discussion during the work session following the Planning and Zoning Meeting.
2. Approved Amended Site Plan for The Quarry Wine Garden – Mayor West informed the Planning and Zoning Commission that The Quarry Wine Garden turned in preliminary plans on February 12 to the city. The city forwarded the plans on to Cochran for review. The Quarry Wine Garden has been informed of minor changes needing to be made to the Site Plan before it can be approved.
3. Discussion Topics – Commissioner Nelson stated after reviewing the Comprehensive Plan, many of his ideas of city beautification were included in the plan. He said many of the ideas are quick fixes for curb appeal and could be completed faster with community involvement. Mayor West agreed with Commissioner Nelson’s ideas, however he is concerned with the city spending money on private property and citizens being reluctant to help. Mayor West believes the city should focus on improving city roads first then working on sidewalks.
4. Trail from New Melle Lakes Park to Town – Mayor West said there was no update on the project, however, he reminded the Planning and Zoning Commission of the County’s offer to help with the project if the city initiates the project. He mentioned taking a 3 to 5-foot easement on some properties as well as adding solar lights along the trail.

NEW BUSINESS

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Status Reports were reviewed.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Road Committee Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ITEMS

Code Enforcement Items were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ropp and seconded by Alderman Hendrich to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION

1. Comprehensive Plan Discussion - Chairman Birk stated he talked to Todd Streiler, once the Comprehensive Plan is reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Aldermen will review, then hold a public hearing. He informed the Planning and Zoning Commission that they must decide on a vision statement for New Melle. Commissioner Ropp suggested an in depth look at section 3 of the Comprehensive Plan then to make suggestions and changes. Chairman Birk agreed and decided to let the Planning and Zoning Commission to look at Section 3 of the Comprehensive Plan to make changes and come up with a vision statement for the next meeting. He stated they will have another work session on March 26, 2019 at 7:00pm.