

# Hastings Planning Commission

September 25, 2017 - Regular Meeting Agenda  
Hastings City Hall - City Council Chambers  
7:00 p.m.

Chair Estenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

## 1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Planning Commissioners Present: Estenson, Deaver, Slaten, Alpaugh, Barse  
Planning Commissioners Absent: Wallace and Johnson  
Staff Present: City Planner Justin Fortney

## 2. **Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2017**

Commissioner Slaten motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 11, 2017 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Barse. Motion approved 5-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **OTHER ACTIONS**

### 3. **Caturia-Smidt Funeral Home – Site Plan #2017-34 – Funeral Home and Crematorium – 3075 Vermillion Street. Staff Report by Justin Fortney**

City Planner Justin Fortney presented the staff report. The proposed site plan is an 11,500 square foot funeral home, formerly the Knights of Columbus Hall. The parcel was rezoned earlier this month. The site plan meets minimum parking standards with 100 proposed stalls. The site plan also meets all landscaping requirements. All exterior light fixtures must be downcast.

Commissioner Slaten asked if this business would be better suited out in the industrial park and asked the applicant for more information on the cremation process

Applicant Russ Karasch stated he designs and builds funeral homes. The cremation process gets up to about 1600-1800 degrees with no smoke production. The use of an afterburner burns smoke before it goes out the stack so it is clear and colorless. There have been no reports or complaints of any smell from other locations they have developed.

Commissioner Deaver asked if MNDOT or any other agencies have to get involved when there are proposed plantings along the ditch.

City Planner Fortney replied the City does send the County and/or State plans for their review if the project is along one of their roads. Proposed landscaping in this specific site plan would be on private property.

Commissioner Deaver asked how they would handle funeral processional traffic.

Jesse Starkson with Caturia-Smidt Funeral Home responded that Hastings PD assists with traffic currently and will continue to do so in the new location. New location presents less conflict with traffic compared to current location.

Commissioner Alpaugh motioned to approve Site Plan #2017-34 – Funeral Home and Crematorium – 3075 Vermillion Street, seconded by Commissioner Barse. Motion approved 5-0.

This item will go before Council for final action on October 2, 2017.

#### **4. Election of Planning Commission Chair**

Commissioner Slaten motioned to nominate Commissioner Deaver to the Chair position, seconded by Commissioner Alpaugh. Motion approved 5-0.

Commissioner Slaten motioned to nominate Commissioner Alpaugh to the Vice Chair position, seconded by Commissioner Barse. Motion approved 5-0.

#### **5. Other Business**

City Planner Fortney thanked Chair Estenson for his years of service on the Hastings Planning Commission.

City Planner Fortney updated the Commission on actions from the City Council regarding Glendale Heights 5<sup>th</sup> Addition, Spiral Brewery Special Use Permit, and Hastings Industrial Park rezoning.

#### **6. Adjourn**

Commissioner Deaver motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM, seconded by Commissioner Alpaugh. Motion approved 5-0.

***Next Meeting – October 9, 2017***