

**New York Mills Zoning Committee
Regular Meeting
August 5, 2014
1:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The regular meeting of the New York Mills Zoning Committee was called to order at 1:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, New York Mills, Minnesota, all members of the Committee having been notified of the meeting. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Chairperson Dianna Wallgren, Jann Lee, Tim Johnson, Jason Schik, Mike Parta, Ken Peltier

Members Absent: Greg Imsande

Staff Present: City Clerk Darla Berry, Administrative Assistant Cheri Kopveiler, Zoning Administrator David Delaney

Call to Order: The regular August meeting of the New York Mills Zoning Committee was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairperson Dianna Wallgren. **A quorum was present.**

Approval of Minutes: **A motion was made by M. Parta to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting, seconded by J. Schik and carried without a dissenting vote.**

Old Business:

A. Update on Darrel Nicholson Property—
Clerk Berry reported to the Zoning Committee about a recurring issue with the property owned by Darrel Nicholson on South Main. Issues date back 39 years on this property with grass, weeds and nuisance animals. Neighbors have been coming to City Council meetings for months to complain about the condition of the property. The City has been in touch with him continually in recent months regarding the poor condition of the abandoned buildings and presence of wild animals as a result. The City gave him a 90 day order which ran out in May. The City gave Mr. Nicholson an extension to June 20th. Mr. Nicholson first planned to restore the house but has been unable to secure anyone to do the work and it has been determined that the house is irreparable. The City Council has begun the process to order the demolition of the house by court order. Mr. Nicholson most recently stated he plans to move the buildings out of town. The City may remove the buildings themselves if deadlines are not met, but there is also concern about the presence of asbestos in the materials and they will have to be dealt with accordingly. A permit will need to be issued to demolish the building.

B. Discussion on Council's Request for Public Hearing on Rezoning 12 Parcels in Blower's 1st Addition—

Chairperson D. Wallgren reported that the City Council initiated a rezoning request at their last council meeting to change the classification for 12 lots in Blowers 1st Addition from RB to RBC. In May, the Zoning

Committee rezoned 6 lots on the south portion of this block from RB to C. These are the remaining 12 lots. Since that change was made, one parcel has become occupied by an in-home business (photography studio) and there is a request to purchase another home to use as an insurance agency. This would not be permissible in RB without a conditional use permit or rezoning of the property. The City Council determined that light businesses would be compatible with this area and this change would help keep a current business in New York Mills. A Public Hearing will be held giving neighboring homeowners a chance to get information or voice their concerns.

Meeting recessed for Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. A Public Hearing was held to discuss the rezoning of Lots 1 through 9 and lots 16 through 23 of Block One in Blower's 1st Addition, New York Mills, Minnesota from Residential B (RB) to Residential B/Commercial (RBC).

The Public Hearing was closed at 1:40 p.m., with the regular monthly meeting being reopened immediately afterward at 1:41 p.m.

New Business:

A. Discussion of Public Hearing/Recommendation to City Council—

B. Zoning Workshops—

Zoning Administrator's Report—

C. Other New Business—

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting of the Zoning Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Dianna Wallgren at 2:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cheri Kopveiler
Administrative Assistant/Zoning