Joint City Council & Planning & Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2005
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joy Bertsinger called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Joy Bertsinger, Kevin McDermott, Tom Novak, Paul Pendergrass, Brian Breider, John Hoxmeier, Adam Brase, Assistant Clerk Sandy Jessen
Absent: Scott Keigley, Jackie Hall, Kelly Nowicki, Rick Mattson

III. SHORELAND ORDINANCE

The City received a letter of approval from Tom Canan, Steve Voigt, and Cory at the DNR for the Shoreland Ordinance. The numbering needs to be corrected to bring it into current zoning ordinance. **Bertsinger motioned to accept the Shoreland Ordinance, McDermott second; all in favor, motion carried.**

Scott Keigley joined at 6:37 pm.

IV. BERTSINGER POSTPONED JECH'S PRELIMINARY PLAT

V. PLANNING & ZONING

Paul Pendergrass motioned to set Jech's conditional use permit date for April 27, 2005 at 6:45 pm for a public hearing, Hoxmeier second; all in favor, motion carried.

VI. DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Round table discussion of Oronoco's growth. Discussed wanting to see a mix of small business, strip malls, not large chain stores or large storage facilities. Having the parks connect to trails.

Brase had to leave for Park's meeting at 7:00 pm.

Bertsinger calls for break at 7:03pm for the City Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting.

Meeting reconvenes at 7:43pm after the City Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting.

Round table discussion continues on water / sewer issues and cluster systems and the concerns of water pollution and what people are dumping down their drains. The concern of drainfield being dedicated as parkland, that the drainfield can't take the traffic.

Talked of having parks buffering business or regulating the appearance of the fronts and backs of businesses. Discussed what downtown would become and where the government offices should be located in the future (remain downtown or moved to new business district). Talked about housing development and the need for elderly housing and more affordable housing.

Brase returns at 8:10 pm.

Discussion moved to the interchange and the designation of green space, types of store fronts and restrictions to control appearance to make sure that businesses are attractive. It was also discussed the need to not separate the city and not east side / west side. Discussion went back to municipal utilities and whether businesses will want to build without them.

Adam Brase left at 8:30 pm.

Continued speaking about septic and wells and that some are failing, and that some people would rather hook up to municipal services than to replace septic. Concern of pollution of a municipal system. Possibility of talking with Rochester and sharing a system with them.

Scott Keigley leaves at 8:54 pm.

Discussion continues on funding for water / sewer. Doug and Sheila will have the results of the grant proposal in a couple of months, if received, then we can start testing in the spring. Discussion moved to the land use map and that it should be ready for the city council to look at, at the May council meeting.

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Bertsinger motioned to adjourn at 9:12 pm, McDermott second; all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted :

Joy Bertsinger, Mayor

Attest:

Sandy Jessen, Assistant Clerk