

**Fertile City Planning Commission Minutes**  
**Fertile City Council Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**September 25, 2017**

The Fertile Planning Commission and the Fertile City Council held a special meeting on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Daniel Wilkens and Council members Todd Wise, Linda Widrig, Reid Jensrud, and Stanton Wang. Also present were City Administrator Lisa Liden, Jake Aakre from Red River State Bank and Twylla Altepeter.

Mayor Wilkens called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6 p.m. and reviewed the information that Council had been provided regarding the rezoning of Parcel # 85.00274. The parcel was currently zoned as residential, which would not allow for the construction of a garage without a dwelling on the property. The parcel abutted the central business district, so to change the zoning of the parcel to commercial would not have a negative impact on the surrounding parcels.

Commission member Wang had some questions on the garage that Red River State Bank was proposing to build on the parcel and whether or not it would be in the same style as other residential garages located in the area. Jake Aakre explained that it would look like a residential garage with steel siding and brick fascia.

This was followed by a discussion on what the setbacks would be for the garage if the parcel was rezoned. Jake Aakre explained that they would like to build as far south on the parcel as possible and that the garage doors would be off of the alley facing to the west.

After further discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Commission member Jensrud to recommend approval to rezone the parcel. The motion was seconded by Commission member Wang and was carried.

A motion was then made by Commission member Wise, seconded by Commission member Widrig to close the Planning Commission Public Hearing. The motion was carried.

The City Council meeting was then convened by Mayor Wilkens and a motion was made by Council member Wise to approve changing the zoning of Parcel #85.00274 from residential to commercial since the zoning change would serve the City's economic development purposes, would make it compatible with the surrounding uses and the potential development of the parcel would increase the tax base. The motion was seconded by Council member Jensrud and was carried.

Mayor Wilkens then closed the Council meeting and opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2017-04. Administrator Liden explained that the current Code did not allow for public buildings in the central business district. Current public buildings in the district were grandfathered in under the old zoning ordinance, but that would not allow for any expansion of those buildings. The buildings currently affected by this were the Community Center and the Sand Hill Watershed. There were no public comments on the matter, so the Public Hearing was adjourned and the Council meeting reconvened.

A motion was then made by Council member Jensrud to approve Resolution #2017-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 152A of the Fertile City Code to Allow for Public Buildings in the Central Business District. The motion was seconded by Council member Wang and was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Daniel Wilkens, Mayor

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Lisa J. Liden, City Administrator