

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL 12, 2022

The Plan Commission meeting was called to order by Mayor Jack Spierings at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 5:33 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Mayor Jack Spierings, Cameron Looker, Don Morgan, Bob Anibas, and Andrew Rosenwinkel. Not Present: Kaley DuCoeur and Rory Koch. Also Present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, James & Amanda Haufschildt and Mary Jane Baehman.

Motion Rosenwinkel, second Anibas, to approve the minutes from the Plan Commission Meeting on March 16, 2022. Motion carried with all "ayes."

Citizen Appearances: None

Discussion and possible action on sign permit application for Haufschildt's Brew Haus at 111 E Main Street: Commission had a lengthy discussion on the sign permit application and whether a wall sign of that size is allowed. Definition of a billboard wrap being a heavy vinyl was explained. The Haufschildt's would like to cover the existing Trading Post sign that has been in place since the late 80's/early 90's with their new logo for the Brew Haus. By covering the old sign it will help to preserve it so when they redo the brick work on the front of the building in a few years the old sign will be moved to the side of the building. Morgan has an issue with the size of the sign stating the size of wall signs as listed in the City's sign ordinance. The original sign was most likely in place before the ordinance was created. The Commission is currently in the process of having the ordinance rewritten to make it more user friendly, add projecting signs to the Business District and rewrite areas that have found to contradict itself. The whole chapter on signs is a mess and very difficult to determine what you can or cannot do. Schroeder stated knowing that the ordinance is in process of being rewritten and that the owners of the Brew Haus are looking to upgrade the exterior of building could the commission consider a time line to allow. After the upgrade there is a possibility of doing a projecting sign. The Mayor felt that the commission shouldn't deny the application for a business trying to fix and upgrade the exterior of their building because the ordinance contradicts itself. The City should not hinder progress to a business because of error by the City. *Motion Looker, second Rosenwinkel, to approve the sign permit application for the Brew Haus as presented. Motion carried with three "ayes" and two "nays".* It was suggested to add a time limit in the new ordinance for non-conforming signs to come into compliance.

Such other matters as authorized by law: None

Motion Rosenwinkel, second Looker, to adjourn at 6:01 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend to approve the sign permit application for the Brew Haus as presented.

Rebecca Loehrke - City Clerk