

**WAHPETON PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
SPECIAL SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019
6:00 P. M. WAHPETON CITY HALL**

The Wahpeton Planning & Zoning Commission met in special session on Monday, July 15, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commission members Donna Harris, Mark Foss, Fran Parrish, and Ann Meyer. City Administrator Bonnie Tielbur was also present.

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order with the adoption of the agenda. Meyer moved and Foss seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes – motion carried. Foss moved and Parrish seconded to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019. All ayes – motion carried.

Harris opened the public hearing. The Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed Ordinance #174 - An Ordinance Amending and Expanding Section 165.10, Supplemental District Regulations, by Amending and Expanding Sub-Section 13, "Silt Fence Screening Required". Resident Jim Cravens, 2124 Manhattan, was at the meeting and objected to the proposed ordinance. He felt the city didn't have the staff or resources to adequately enforce existing codes. He also felt zoning regulations for the city are already excessive. Foss stated, while the city may have a lot of rules and regulations they are there to protect everyone. Harris stated this ordinance was developed because people are doing things that are noncompliant. By having the rules on paper actually helps the city staff to be able to show residents what they can and cannot do. She also indicated when the commission reviewed the City Code, they checked other city codes in the area and Wahpeton isn't any more strict than other cities. With no further discussion, Parrish moved and Meyer seconded to close the public hearing. Foss moved and Harris seconded to recommend the City Council adopt the proposed Ordinance #174 - An Ordinance Amending and Expanding Section 165.10, Supplemental District Regulations, by Amending and Expanding Sub-Section 13, "Silt Fence Screening Required". Roll call vote: Meyer – aye, Parrish – aye, Foss – aye, Harris – aye. All ayes – motion carried.

Being no further business, Meyer moved and Parrish seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. All ayes – motion carried.

ATTEST:

Donna Harris, Chairman

Bonnie Tielbur, City Clerk/Administrator

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