

City Planning Committee

Monday, January 15, 2024

Call to Order – 6:00 PM by Todd Schmidt. Roll Call –Committee: Todd Schmidt and Jason Lindeman, Nancy O'Brien. Also present: Susan Badtke of West Central Regional Planning, Mayor Jim Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner and DPW Harland Higley.

Minutes from September 13, 2023: Todd Schmidt pointed out that the motion to adjourn should not say in closed session. Motion was made by O'Brien, seconded by Lindeman to approve the minutes from 9-13-23 with the correction. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Recap of Meeting 1 Items: Susan Badtke reviewed the goals for the meeting and recapped information from the previous meeting.

Community Survey Results: The city had 56 responses to the survey. The survey was available electronically and in hard copy in English and Spanish. The deadline was November 20, 2023. Susan reviewed the results with the committee.

Draft Vision Statement: The committee discussed the 2044 City of Colby Vision Statement. Some bullet points were: safe, growing and welcoming community, thriving economy, celebrate its history, have housing options to meet the needs of all people, be know for its recreational opportunities, utilize is strengths to create a sense of place. The committee had some suggestions to add to the vision statement.

Populations and Housing Element: Susan reviewed the current populations statistics. The committee discussed using the DOA projected populations in the plan versus using an alternate projection of 2.5% growth every 5 years. The committee discussed in great detail Sections 2.7 Housing Goals & Objectives and 2.8 Housing Policies & Recommendations.

Economic Development Element: The committee reviewed the current commercial and industry in the community. They also brainstormed types of businesses and industries that we would like to see develop in Colby. Section 6.9 Economic Development Goals and Objectives and Section 6.10 Economic Development Policies and Recommendations were then discussed for updates and recommendations.

Cultural/Historic Resources Element: This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Steps and Meeting Date: Outstanding items from meeting #2, Discuss Transportation Element, Discuss Utilities & Community Facilities Element. The committee will meet on March 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Adjourn: Motion was made by O'Brien, seconded by Lindeman to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Connie Gurtner, City Clerk