

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date—August 16, 2011

Attended—Tom Gooding, Tobin Ott, Dr. Robert Mulch, Greg Holcomb, Rex Brown, and David Powell

Guests In Attendance—Ron Deabenderfer, Mayor John Downs, Carl Reynolds, and Mark Joy

Meeting called to order at 12:30

Golf Cart Ordinance:

Chairman Gooding announced that he has talked with Committee member Jeff Eisentrout regarding the ordinances. Gooding says Eisentrout is still doing some research regarding golf carts.

Committee member Ott stated that the City of Nokomis recently rescinded its golf cart ordinance. Ott said that was due to make their ordinance match state law.

Financial Sub Committee Update:

Chairman Tom Gooding stated that with vacation, the financial sub committee has not been able to meet. Hopefully they can meet sometime next month.

Lake Restoration Project:

Long discussion took place regarding the Lake Restoration project. Mayor Downs said that the Natural Resources committee was not talked too when the funds were diverted to pay off the note of the water plant. He assured the committee that once the note is paid off the money will return to the Lake Restoration project.

Carl Reynolds stated that the natural resource committee is trying to obtain a grant to restore the lakes. According to Reynolds, it will cost eight to ten million dollars to dredge the north end of Lake Glen Shoals.

Mayor Downs stated that he is very interested in the lakes and the campground as a source of potential revenue for the city. He added that rip rapping will be done next year.

Downs also added that he will work with City Attorney Barbara Adams to get language that will place funds back for lake restoration once the note for the water plant has been paid off back into the original agreement between the mine and the city.

Chairman Gooding suggested to Reynolds to do a recheck on permission from the EPA to sell the soil dredged from the lakes. He also asked on whether that permission should come from the Federal EPA or State.

Committee member Dr. Mulch added that the council should make a strong statement to make sure money is put back into lake restoration. Mulch also added that the city should consider raising rates for deposits at the campground for extra revenue.

Motion was made by Mulch, seconded by Powell to encourage the city to come up with a long term plan for the cities lakes, and make sure funds return for lake restoration once the water plant note has been paid off. The motion passed 5 to 1. (Yes—Gooding, Ott, Powell, Holcomb, and Mulch; No—Brown)

Upcoming Items:

Committee placed five items on its agenda for their next meeting: 1. Lake Restoration Project; 2. Annexation; 3. Financial Sub Committee, 4. Golf Cart Ordinance, and 5. Downtown Revitalization.

Scheduling Of The Next Meeting:

The Planning Committee also set its next meeting for Tuesday, September 20th at 12:30 at City Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15.



Tobin Ott
Planning Commission Secretary