

Devils Lake Planning Commission
10-26-17

Members present: Larry Liere, Kevin Davidson, Vonda Markestad, Tom Traynor, Gary Martinson, Rodger Haugen, Wyatt Hanson, Ray Sletteland, Mike Grafsgaard, Dick Johnson.

Others present: Steven Zimmer, LuAnn Hinderscheit.

Larry opened the public hearing to review language that would change the zoning regulations to allow animal shelters to be a conditional use permit in central area commercial zoning district.

Steven created a definition for animal shelters that allows animals up for adoption and not on location permanently. The process to get a permit for an animal shelter would be addressed in Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code. The language for a conditional use permit would be added to Chapter 17.

Gary said we should add the conditional use permit language to highway commercial and industrial zones where kennels are already allowed.

Mike said if animal shelters were a conditional use permit in highway commercial and industrial zoning, there is more authority to revoke a permit if rules are not being followed.

Steven said the conditional use permit would be for commercial and industrial, but would not be allowed in neighborhood commercial or residential.

Gary asked if the intent would be for the City's animal control officer to make inspections in an animal shelter.

LuAnn Hinderscheit said it should be noted that the animal control officer is already involved with the shelter and if other cities have regular inspections, then Devils Lake should too.

Dick said the police department has a lot of issues with dogs and cats and is one of the biggest time consumers in the department. The police department needs to have some input on the changes being proposed because it likely will affect their operations.

Tom said right of entry into a shelter for inspections or complaints could be added in the ordinance.

Steven said the ordinance could also include in the conditional permit the stipulation for annual inspections and as complaints come in.

Gary suggested the police department review the proposed language before the meeting next week and submit any input they have.

Steven said the permit process for a shelter would be the same as for a kennel. Chapter 17 (zoning) would be changed to add the definition of an animal shelter, and to add shelters as a

conditional use permit. Chapter 6 (animals) would also include the definition and the permit process to have a shelter.

Dick said the police department should review the proposal changes and maybe they have other changes they would like to see made at the same time.

Vonda made a motion to use the proposed language changes for Chapter 17 and 6, give the police department time to review, and approve changes as needed. Motion 2nd by Rodger. Carried.

Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2nd by Kevin. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson
Recording Secretary