

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder (MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b)).

SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2018 – 1:30 PM

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey and Mark Crago, Members; and Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.
Others Present: Joan Brownell, Citizen.

Public Comments: none heard

Regular Business: 1. Planning - Future Part One Zoning Guidelines – Commissioners to revisit action taken on January 23, 2018, regarding public comment period.

Commissioner Crago said this meeting was called to clarify a few things. He stated that after the agenda meeting held on January 23, 2018, questions were brought forth regarding time of comment period. He had a chance to visit with the Planning Department and the outline they use for a comment timeline.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to withdraw all decisions that were made on January 23, 2018, regarding the Future Part One Zoning Guidelines. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**.

Discussion: Commissioner Davey stated that she served on the Planning Board for seven years and when an important decision was before them, there was always a public comment period. This is a major issue, she said, and when the commission met with the County Attorney, it was asked if a comment period was needed and the response was that it wasn't necessary.

Under the advice of the County Attorney, Davey said the commission did not ask for that public comment period.

Vote: Commissioner Shupak called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to open up a 30-day comment period beginning February 1, 2018 on the Future Part One Zoning Guidelines; hold a Public Hearing on March 6, 2018, following the agenda meeting; and make a decision on the matter on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, during the regular scheduled agenda meeting.

Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Commissioner Crago said after speaking to the Planning Department, this is the process they use to accept comments on guidelines and regulations, and this is a planning tool, he said. Joan Brownell spoke to clarify the timeline on the public comment period.

Commissioner Shupak called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further business, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 1:36 PM

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