

City of Battle Lake Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting – January 17, 2024

Mayor Richard Bullard called the joint council/planning commission meeting to order on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Also present from the council were Don Maslow, Marjorie Quammen, Julia DeMars, and Ryan Christensen. Members present from the Planning Commission were Rezin Everts, and Heather Jacobson. Absent were Greg Maynard, John Salvevold, and Dennis Pederson. Also present at City Hall were Clerk/Treasurer, Val Martin; and Ben Oleson from Hometown Planning. The meeting continued with the review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Work continued on the Comprehensive Plan. The group went through Natural Resources, Orderly Growth Action Plan and Integrated Growth Plan. Some of the discussion included:

1. Wellhead Protection Plan – we are in the midst of an update. Martin will check with MRWA to see the timeline on this.
2. The group discussed orderly annexation and the City would intend to not go after existing housing but would look at bare land, where there is an opportunity to expand housing and/or commercial growth. The City will try and meet with the Township shortly after doing some research.
3. Airport zoning was discussed – Martin will find the map.

Shipping containers being used as storage buildings were discussed. The group felt that they should be allowed in certain situations such as construction, a fire, or a storm but possibly limited to 6 months. Ben Olesen has some sample language from other communities.

The February meeting will be skipped with the next meeting on Monday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn 8:30 p.m.

Valerie Martin, Clerk/Treasurer