

**OTOE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2017
496 5TH STREET
SYRACUSE CITY LIBRARY, SYRACUSE, NEBRASKA
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Daniel Hodges: All hearings were published in the Nebraska City News Press. Meeting commenced at 7:04 P.M. and answering to roll call was: Daniel Hodges, Howard Bebout, William Umland and Loreen Haupt. Absent were Wirthele, Warner and Shrader. Other attendees of the meeting were Zoning Administrator David Schmitz and Sam Mandolfo, agent for Verizon. Chairman Hodges asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting and if none, for a motion to approve. Bebout made the motion to approve, seconded by Haupt, with Hodges, Bebout, Umland and Haupt voting aye. Motion approved.

A Public Hearing was held to approve/ deny a conditional use for a new cell tower for Verizon located in the East ½ of the NE. ¼ of Section 22, T.9N, R.11E of the 6th P.M. as requested by Sam Mandolfo, agent for Verizon Wireless. Site is located @ 1029 N. 32nd Road. Sam Mandolfo was present and explained that he had to reapply for the conditional use since the time limit had been reached on the prior permit approved in August of 2015. Schmitz stated that Verizon had paid the \$ 1000.00 application fee and the conditional use had been advertised. Mandolfo also stated that a minor change in the design plans involves that they will have outside cabinets instead of a building. The fencing plan is the same as previously approved. Mandolfo stated that he thought that construction should start this year.

After some discussion, Hodges asked for a motion to approve, with Bebout making the motion subject to the same conditions as the 2015 permit, second by Umland, with Hodges, Bebout, Umland and Haupt voting aye. Conditional use approved.

The conditional use permit will now go to the County Commissioners for approval on January 24, 2017, @ 8:45 A.M at the Otoe County Courthouse County Courtroom.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Hodges asked if Schmitz had received anything from the NPZA (Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association) on the March seminar to be held in Kearney from March 8-10. He said he had and would fill out the seminar form for Hodges and turn in a claim for himself and Hodges. Wirthele, who was absent, asked Schmitz to send her the information.

DISCUSSION:

Schmitz has a situation where a landowner wants to use an old windmill (27' high) to attach an antenna or dish so he can receive cable TV. Our new zoning regulations require either an 80' offset from a grain bin similar in height from the powerline or to be the height of tower away from right-of-way or easement. The Board will let Schmitz handle this.

Also was discussed was a permanent meeting site for the monthly meetings since the County can't have a key to City Hall for the planning commission meetings due to security issues. We have been holding them at the Syracuse City Library. Schmitz will contact OPPD to see if the Planning meetings could be held there.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Chairman Hodges requested a motion to adjourn, with Bebout making the motion, second by Umland, with all voting aye to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 16, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

Minutes written by County Zoning Administrator David Schmitz