

Sidney, Nebraska, July 20, 2020

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Sidney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:30 P.M. on July 20, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, located at 1115 13th Avenue. Present were: Chairman Smith and Commissioners: Sweetser, Glenn, Schmitt, Loghry, England and Long. Absent: Benzel. Others present: Chief Building Official Kubo, Street Superintendent Radtke and City Clerk Heilbrun. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in The Sidney Sun Telegraph, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Chairman and all members of the Commission, and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Planning Commission of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman Smith announced to all in attendance, that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review at the rear of the room.

Glenn moved, Loghry seconded "That the minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting be approved as printed." Roll call vote: Yeas: Glenn, Loghry, Smith and Long. Abstain: England, Schmitt, and Sweetser. Absent: Benzel.

Chief Building Official Kubo presented seven applications for diagonal parking in designated areas, predominantly churches. With the help of the Street crew they had measured the areas where diagonal parking is being requested and compiled a list for Planning Commission's consideration. He noted that there will possibly be another two to three applications for diagonal parking to be brought to the Planning Commission at their next regular meeting. The requests on this agenda were presented as follows:

The Well Church – 432 20th Avenue – Justin Brown appeared to request 7 diagonal parking spaces on the north side of their building on 20th Avenue. He stated that their church is growing and parking is greatly needed to accommodate their congregation.

England moved, Sweetser seconded "That The Well Church, located at 432 20th Avenue, be granted 7 diagonal parking spaces along 20th Avenue." Roll call vote: Yeas: All commissioners present. Absent: Benzel.

Christ Episcopal Church – 1205 10th Avenue – Beth Fiegenschuh appeared to request 9 diagonal parking spaces along the Linden Street side of their church to add additional parking for their congregation.

Schmitt, moved, Glenn seconded "That Christ Episcopal Church, located at 1205 10th Avenue, be granted 9 diagonal parking spaces along Linden Street for congregation parking." Roll call vote: Yeas: All Commissioners present. Absent: Benzel.

The Catholic Church – 1020 13th Avenue – Pat Mertz presented the application for 21 diagonal parking spaces on King Street and 14 diagonal parking spaces along 14th Avenue for parishioner parking. She questioned as to why the area in front of the Rummage House was not included on the agenda for consideration of diagonal parking. Street Superintendent Radtke stated that he had had complaints regarding diagonal parking on both sides of 14th Avenue, as it made the street too narrow for traffic. He noted that the parking spaces in front of the Rummage House on 14th Avenue would be painted as parallel, while the Church side of 14th would reflect diagonal parking. He also noted that 13th Avenue and the South side of Jackson Street would be painted with parallel markings so people would know that diagonal parking was not allowed in these areas.

Glenn moved, Long seconded "That the Catholic Church, located at 1020 13th Avenue, be granted 21 diagonal parking spaces on King Street and 14 diagonal parking spaces along 14th Avenue." Roll call vote: Yeas: All Commissioners present. Absent: Benzel.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Education Building – 1424 Maple and 1432 15th Avenue – Jerry Steffens presented the application for 10 diagonal parking spaces on 15th Avenue and 8 diagonal parking spaces on Maple to accommodate parking at the Church. He also requested 8 diagonal parking spaces on 15th Avenue for parking at the St. Paul's Education Building. He noted that granting of this would allow parking to continue as it has been. Commissioner Glenn questioned whether there would be any differential in parking on Sundays versus the rest of the week. CBO Kubo noted that the parking would be observed the same every day of the week.

Long moved, England seconded “That St. Paul's Lutheran Church, located at 1424 Maple, be granted 10 diagonal parking spaces on 15th Avenue and 8 diagonal parking spaces on Maple Street, and that St. Paul's Education Building, located at 1432 15th Avenue, be granted 8 diagonal parking spaces on 15th Avenue.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All commissioners present. Absent: Benzel.

New Heart Fellowship Church – 1545 King Street – Pete Morgan presented the application for 3 diagonal parking spaces on King Street and 8 diagonal parking spaces on 16th Avenue for parishioner parking. He stated that he had talked to School representatives and they had no objections to this.

England moved, Sweetser seconded “That New Heart Fellowship Church be granted 3 diagonal parking spaces on King Street and 8 diagonal parking spaces on 16th Avenue.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All commissioners present. Absent: Benzel.

Light Memorial Presbyterian Church – 1345 Linden – Tom Nightingale presented the application for 10 diagonal parking spaces on 14th Street and 6 diagonal parking spaces on Linden for parishioner parking. He stated that they were simply making legal what had always happened in this area.

Loghry moved, England seconded “That Light Memorial Presbyterian Church be granted 10 diagonal parking spaces on 14th Avenue and 6 diagonal parking spaces on Linden Street.” Roll call vote: All Commissioners present. Absent: Benzel.

Best Plumbing & Heating – 2044 Illinois Street – Jack Harris, General Manager of Best Plumbing & Heating presented the request for 8 diagonal parking spaces on the east side of 21st Avenue for customer parking. This would create 8 spaces to the alley where pavement ends.

Glenn moved, Schmitt seconded “That Best Plumbing & Heating be granted 8 diagonal parking spaces on the east side of 21st Avenue.” Roll call vote: Yeas: All Commissioners present. Absent: Benzel.

Chief Building Official Kevin Kubo gave an update on other sites that are preparing similar requests for diagonal parking for consideration at the August meeting of the Planning Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CITY CLERK

