

**Meeting Minutes**  
**New Prague Planning Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Planning Commission Chair Bob Gilman with the following members present: Jay Nuhring, Dan Meyer, John Roos and Mark Bartusek. All members were present.

City Staff Present: Ken Ondich – Planning Director

**2. Approval of December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Bartusek, seconded by Meyer, to approve the December 18, 2013 regular meeting minutes and as submitted. Motion carried (5-0).

**3. Old Business**

**A. None.**

**4. New Business**

**A. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Concept Review – Brewpubs, Micro-Breweries, Breweries and Taprooms**

Planning Director Ondich presented the staff report. He stated that the topic was introduced to the City Council at the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Meeting and the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Planning Commission meeting. He stated that the cities of Jordan and Shakopee had recently amended their zoning ordinances to accommodate small local beer brewing establishments which is expanding across the country. He stated that while the City has not received a formal request for any such use at this time that staff had received an inquiry and believes it is only a matter of time before a formal request is received. He stated that the City's zoning ordinance does not contain any provisions to field requests for brewpubs, micro-breweries, breweries, taprooms or distilleries. He stated that in 2011 Governor Dayton signed the Omnibus Liquor Bill, more commonly known as the "Surly Bill" which allows breweries to sell pints of beer at the brewery in areas known as taprooms. He stated that before this law only brewpubs were allowed to sell pints of beer produced on premises because they operate like restaurants. He noted that Minnesota Statutes does not currently permit the on or off-sale of distilled spirits at this time at a distillery. He stated that staff has worked with the Minnesota Division of Alcohol and Gambling as well as the League of Minnesota Cities to develop proposed amendments for the zoning ordinance. He stated that the proposed amendments would allow for these potential types of businesses to be located appropriately within the City. He stated that additional amendments were likely needed to Chapter 110 of

the City Code for Alcoholic Beverages; however that is beyond the duties of the Planning Commission. He stated that staff has attempted to find appropriate districts for the various types of facilities and noting restrictions such as production limits in commercial districts and requirements for taprooms to be associated with breweries in commercial districts so that they are not just production facilities. He noted the full set of amendments proposed to the Zoning Ordinance. He stated that he recommends that the Planning Commission discuss the proposed amendments and schedule a public hearing for the February 26<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting based on the drafted amendments and including any additional changes requested during the meeting. He stated finally that the one area of possible change involved clarification as to whether or not breweries could operate taprooms with food sales in order to do on-sale liquor sales on Sundays.

The Planning Commission discussed the proposed amendments and agreed that a retail component to any brewery was a good addition in the commercial zoning districts and also that restaurants were not appropriate uses in the industrial district.

A motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Roos to schedule a public hearing for the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance for brewpubs, micro-breweries, breweries, taprooms and distilleries. Motion carried (5-0).

## 5. Miscellaneous

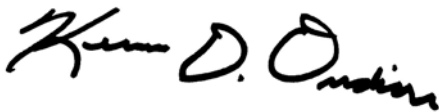
The following miscellaneous items were reviewed as information only:

- A. Monthly Business Update – Planning Director Ondich provided the Monthly Business update to the Planning Commission that had been provided to the EDA earlier in the month.
- B. Summary of 2013 Growth Statistics – Planning Director Ondich provided the Planning Commission with the Summary of 2013 Growth Statistics as information.
- C. 2014 Meeting Calendar – Attached as information is the 2014 Meeting Calendar as information.

## 6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Bartusek, seconded by Roos to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. Motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth D. Ondich  
Planning Director