

Dassel, MN

Planning & Zoning Commission

Minutes

Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Meeting called to order by Chair Sexton at 6:02 pm.

2. Roll Call - Sexton, Corbin, Nelson, Landrus

Minutes:

Members present: Corbin, Nelson, Landrus and Chair Sexton Members absent: None

3. Approval of Minutes - September 10, 2024

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Motion by Corbin, seconded by Landrus to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Public Hearings - Ordinance Amending the Dassel City Code of Ordinances Sections 153.008, 153.035-153.044, and 153.075 Regarding Cannabis Business Zoning Regulations and Cannabis Buffer Map (draft Ordinance 02-2025)

Minutes:

Chair Sexton opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 pm. Sarah Swedberg, City Planner with Bolton and Menk reviewed the changes with the Planning Commission. No members of the public present. Chair Sexton closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 pm

5. Open Forum

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Clint Scherping, addressed the commission in regard to the complaint about the Dollar General building not being in compliance with the city ordinance. Scherping was concerned that the absence of enforcement from the city officials will lead to more building being built on the Hwy 12 corridor which is what the Planning Commission focused on when they did the Comprehensive Plan.

6. Additions or Omissions to Agenda

7. Business Items

a. Motion to recommend or not recommend the draft Ordinance No 02-2025 - Dassel Cannabis Ordinance (zoning) and Buffer Map to the City Council.

Minutes:

Motion by Landrus, seconded by Corbin to recommend the draft Ordinance #02-2025 - Dassel Cannabis Ordinance (zoning) and Buffer Map to the City Council with the following changes: Removed the park south of downtown, allowed for sales of cannabis use by Conditional Use Permit in the C1 zoning district, included clarification of distance measurement language, removed

event language for City Attorney to include in his portion of the ordinance.
Motion carried.

b. Discuss Exterior Building Requirement in the Zoning Code.

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Administrator Eckerly explained that she spoke with the City Attorney there have been several projects that have also violated this section of code. Greenley's recommendation was to bring the issue to Planning to review and determine if the facade requirement was necessary or if they would like to hire a code enforcement officer. Eckerly explained to the Commission how the building permit process works with the Meeker County Building Official and that the Building Official does not enforce City ordinance.

The Planning Commission would like a line to be added to the building permit stating that the person signing understands the ordinance and requirements. The Commission would also recommend to Council to hire someone for code enforcement. Sexton asked if we could contact Cokato and Darwin to see if they would be able to share the costs of a code enforcement officer with the City.

c. Discuss Possible Candidates to fill the Vacante seat

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The Planning Commission discussed a couple of residents who may be interested in being a part of the Planning Commission. City Clerk Bergum will reach out to see them if they will be willing.

8. Adjourn

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Motion by Corbin, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. Motion carried.