

CITY OF YORK PLANNING COMMISSION
JULY 27, 2021
5:15 O'CLOCK P.M.

PRESENT Runge, Riley, Ronne, Stephens, Hitz, Nickel and Heskett

ABSENT Northrop and McDougall

Others: Thiele, Campbell and Aude

Chairperson Stephens presided and advised that the Open Meetings Act is on the east wall of the Council Chambers.

MINUTES

Riley moved and Hitz seconded that the Minutes of July 6, 2020 meeting be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Runge, Riley, Ronne, Stephens, Hitz, Nickel and Heskett. Nays: None. Absent & Not Voting: Northrop and McDougall. Motion Carried.

RECOMMEND AMENDMENT TO A-L AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

The Chairman announced that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider amending the A-L Agricultural District to allow by special use permit, public events that may or may not involve the payment of admission fees, to include but not limited to outdoor arenas, tracks, concession buildings, restroom offices, spectator stands, livestock stables and parking lots and areas. The City Attorney said that this would be allowed by special use permit only and this ordinance changes the uses in the A-L Zone only – that the applicants would have to apply for the special use permit if this Ordinance is adopted. Drew Jensen addressed the Council stating that he and others had applied for a permit before the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission to operate a horse race track in York – that it will be a 5/8 track and the area will contain an entertainment center. Phase 2 would include a casino. He advised that he has an option to purchase the real estate involved from York General Hospital. He also advised that they will not apply for the special use permit until they hear from the Racing and Gaming Commission. The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Heskett moved and Nickel seconded to recommend that the City Council amend the A-L Agricultural District to allow this use.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Runge, Riley, Ronne, Stephens, Hitz, Nickel and Heskett. Nays: None. Absent & Not Voting: Northrop and McDougall. Motion Carried.

DISCUSS ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

Asset Manger Aude advised that he has received requests to use shipping containers as accessory buildings. The Commission discussed the matter. The City Attorney advised that he will draft an ordinance regarding this matter and it can come to the Commission for further

discussion and action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission the Chairman adjourned the meeting, the time being 5:30 o'clock p.m.

C. Jean Thiele, City Clerk