



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Cedar Springs Planning Commission**

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

7:00 p.m.

**Cedar Springs City Hall
66 S. Main St.
Cedar Springs, Michigan**

1. The Meeting was Called to Order by Chairperson Craig Owens at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The City Clerk issued the Oath of Office to newly appointed Planning Commissioner **Dale Bray**.

3. ROLL CALL:

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| Ms. Lisa Atchison | Present |
| Mr. Dale Bray | Present |
| Mrs. Kathy Bremmer | Present |
| Ms. Sherri Foster | Present |
| Mr. Jerry Hall | Present |
| Mr. Perry Hopkins | Present |
| Mr. Mark Laws | Present |
| Chairperson Mr. Craig Owens | Present |

4. **Carmine Avantini**, City Planner, was recognized as being in attendance.

5. **Motion by Bray, supported by Hopkins, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2014.**

VOTE: 8 – 0, Motion Carried.

6. **Motion by Hall, supported by Foster, to approve the agenda and move new business before old business.**

VOTE: 8 – 0, Motion Carried.

7. There were no public comments.

8. There were no scheduled public hearings.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

A. **Dave Ringler**, Cedar Springs Brewing Company, presented an update on the company's plans for 95 N. Main St. He provided preliminary conceptual drawings of the proposed brewery. Plans call for seating for 156 patrons indoors and outdoor seating for 96. He stated they are moving as quickly as possible; but are waiting for the licenses necessary for operation: a micro brewery, small distillery and small wine making licenses. The applications have been sent to the State and typically take three to five months for processing, he said. When the brewery is up and running, they expect to employ six to 12 full-time employees and 10 to 30 part-time employees. He said it was the company's intention to blend in and be a part of the downtown.

10. OLD BUSINESS.

A. **Avantini** continued with his review of the proposed sign ordinance. The City's Attorney had also reviewed the ordinance and had offered some changes such as not banning billboard signs as proposed in the new language and to ban highway signs. It was the consensus of Planning Commissioners to keep the language as proposed. Avantini will be making minor changes and will provide commissioners with copies in time for them to review before the next meeting.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA.

A. There was no correspondence.

B. Staff Comments:

1. City Manager **Thad Taylor** stated he was encouraged by what is going on at 95 N. Main St.

C. Planning Commission Members:

Bremmer said she would like to see the Planning Commission consider an ordinance that would disallow pets in Main Street apartments as residents in those apartments were not cleaning up after their pets and piles of dog manure were left on sidewalks in the downtown area.

Hopkins agreed stating he had witnessed the same thing. He suggested signage letting pet owners know what their responsibilities were for their animals.

Foster suggested sending letters to residents to inform them of their responsibilities.

12. REPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

Hall reported on happenings with the City Council.

13. REPORT OF THE PLANNING CONSULTANT.

Avantini stated he was impressed with the plans for the brewing company.

14. The Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.