

MINUTES
PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024; 5:00 PM
CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

Present: Inghram, Schilling, Johnson, Eikleberry, Thomas, Garrington, Tallman, Maness, Schneider, Dunlop

Excused: Hepner

Staff: Berkley, Werderitch

II. Report of the City Council Activity

Staff provided an update of the City Council activity.

III. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the August 20, 2024 meeting minutes.

Motion by Tallman, second by Eikleberry, to approve the August 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion to approve was unanimous by voice vote (9-0).

IV. Report of the Comprehensive Plan Committee

V. Zoning Activity

A. Old Business

B. New Business

VI. Subdivision Activity

A. Old Business

B. New Business

1. Case ROW24-04: Request of Jacks Home Improvements Company to vacate the unimproved right-of-way located west of Marquette Street, between West 7th Street and the mid-block alley. [Ward 3]

Staff presented an overview of the petition to vacate an unimproved portion of public right-of-way within a residential block. The existing north-south alley, extending from West 7th Street to the midblock alley, was dedicated

but never constructed by the City. There is a driveway approach along West 7th Street that serves as a parking space for the single-family home at 1214 West 7th Street. The remainder of the right-of-way is grass, which is being maintained by the petitioner. The purpose of the request is to provide off-street parking and to prevent vehicular and pedestrian traffic from traveling over the lawn.

The area petitioned for vacation is approximately 1,500 square feet (10 feet wide by 150 feet in length). If vacated, the land will be conveyed to abutting property owners.

Staff recommended the City Plan and Zoning Commission accept the listed findings to vacate the unimproved right-of-way located west of Marquette Street, between West 7th Street and the mid-block alley, in Case ROW24-04 to the City Council with a recommendation for approval, subject to the following finding: The existing public right-of-way is not required for city purposes.

Keith Jacks, petitioner, was in attendance to answer questions. The request is a result of people littering and walking through the right-of-way. The hope is once the alley is vacated, it can be enclosed to prevent nuisance activity.

Motion by Inghram, second by Tallman, to approve staff recommendation in Case ROW24-04. Motion to approve was unanimous by voice vote (9-0).

VII. Future Business

VIII. Communications

IX. Other Business

X. Adjourn

Motion by Johnson, second by Garrington, to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was unanimous by voice vote (9-0).

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.