

CITY OF STARBUCK

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING: Discuss the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Starbuck

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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The City of Starbuck held a public hearing on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 9:03am at the Starbuck Community Center located at 307 E 5th Street in Starbuck, MN. Present: Chair Knutson, Vice-Chair Anderson, Commissioners; Rasche, Asmus, Council Liaison; Mayor Swenson, as well as Deputy City Clerk Boysen. Absent: City Clerk/Treasurer Kerkvliet. Quorum is present.

Chair Knutson stated that the purposed of the hearing was to discuss the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Starbuck. Commissioner Rasche commented on how nicely the plan was put together. Mayor Swenson would like to see concentration on the need for housing and future parks, playgrounds. Chair Knutson mentioned that she felt that the downtown business district should be another strong focus as there are many unoccupied downtown storefronts that have potential. Commissioner Anderson agreed and stated that there was a small growth spurt in our area and there seems to be more interest in downtown business. He has seen small entrepreneurs throughout other communities with business start-ups and would like to see more of that happening in our downtown business district. Commissioner Bowser asked about what it would take for someone out of city limits to be placed into city limits. Deputy Clerk Boysen briefly explained the annexation process and noted that the most recent annexations were due to city sewer and water service availability. The future land use map shown on page 25 of the Drafted Comprehensive Plan outlines annexation potential for the City which would require a large water and sewer expansion project. The Commission agreed that it would be much more beneficial if the Comprehensive Plan used 2020 Census information (rather than 2019) for the statistics referenced throughout the document. Besides the few minor changes and updates noted, the Commission is very happy and excited to use this plan as a planning tool in the years to come. The Commission would like to review the Comprehensive Plan every 5 years if possible as it is ever changing.

With no further comments, the public hearing to discuss the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Starbuck was closed at 9:17am.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Boysen

Deputy Clerk