CITY PLAN COMMISSION
MARSHFIELD, WISCONSIN
MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:45 PM

1. Conditional use request from ALLTEL Communications Inc. for exception to the lot line setback requirements of Section 18-154(4)(e) of the Zoning Ordinance for a proposed 140' monopole cellular antenna tower to be constructed on property at 3313 South Cherry Street, located in the 'M-3' General Industrial District.

FOR: Wess Burns, Faulk & Foster on behalf of ALLTEL Communications stated that ALLTEL has done a radio frequency assessment and their objective is to increase coverage in the southern area of Marshfield and the Highway 10 & 13 areas. They looked at three properties – the proposed site, the Fairgrounds and another parcel owned by the City. The two City parcels did not meet the requirement. They have filed for FAA approval which is pending. The tower is a monopole design, no guy anchors. The tower is designed to fall upon itself in the event of a catastrophe which results in a zero fall zone. The request is for exception to setback requirements.

AGAINST: Duffy Gaier, FBO Airport Manager feels this is a sad request because no one will come out a winner because of safety concerns with proposed tower location. He feels it is a serious safety compromise and the tower couldn't be located in a worse location. The Airport has a non-standard traffic pattern. The tower falls directly below the flight path. This would become a problem in emergency situations if a plane loses power during take off and needs to circle back to land at the Airport. It is virtually impossible to build a new Airport and the Airport is a vital economic benefit to the City. A tower in the flight path doesn't make sense. Even if the FAA determines that the tower is not a hazard to aviation, Duffy feels that it will be.

MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Meyers at 7:59 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Mayor Meyers, Dan Knoeck, Dave LaFontaine, Sharon Witt and Gerald Nelson
EXCUSED: Dave Korth and Pete Lotzer
ALSO PRESENT: Aldermen Meyer and Beaudry; Director of Planning & Economic Development Miller; Planner/Zoning Administrator Curtiss; Airport Manager Gaier; Barb Fleisner - MACCI; the media and others

PC05-17 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Witt to recommend tabling the conditional use request from ALLTEL Communications Inc. for exception to the lot line setback requirements of Section 18-154(4)(e) of the Zoning Ordinance for a proposed 140' monopole cellular antenna tower to be constructed on property at 3313 South Cherry Street, located in the 'M-3' General Industrial District.
Motion Carried

PC05-18 Motion by Nelson, second by LaFontaine to recommend approval of the extraterritorial preliminary plat for Rottscheit Estates, located in the Town of Spencer, Marathon County, with the condition that the 66' reserved for future road right-of-way be moved to the south side of Lot 2 to line up with existing McMillan Street.
Motion Carried

PC05-19 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Witt to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to Section 24 of the Municipal Code regarding illumination standards for signs, regulations for political signs and license requirements for sign contractors as presented and request an ordinance be drafted for Common Council consideration.
Motion Carried

Director of Planning and Economic Development Miller reviewed the recommended 2005 – 2009 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as prepared by the Capital Improvement Program Administrative Committee, including an amendment to Project EN-J-1796 which adds $69,000 in 2005, $28,000 in 2007, $212,000 in 2008 and $211,000 in 2009, all funded by Wastewater Utility debt. The intent is to maintain an annual funding level of $750,000 for sanitary sewer collection system improvements.
PC05-20 Motion by Witt, second by Knoeck to recommend approval of the 2005 – 2009 Capital Improvement Program as amended and refer to the Common Council for their consideration and adoption.
Motion Carried

PC05-21 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Nelson to receive the minutes of the Joint Planning Commission – City of Marshfield and Town of Cameron Boundary Agreement Plan meeting of March 30, 2005 and place on file.
Motion Carried

PC05-22 Motion by Nelson, second by LaFontaine to receive the Zoning Administrator's Report (March 9 – April 12, 2005) and place it on file.
Motion Carried

Motion by LaFontaine, second by Witt that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 PM.
Motion Carried

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary
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