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Planning Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 11, 2013 City Council Chambers

In Attendance: Jim Cerrato, Jim Murphy, Matt Hunter, Phil Cyr, Todd Pelletier,
Members Absent: Dave Bell, Bob White

Others in Attendance: Tony Mazzucco, Assistant City Manager;

I. Call Meeting to Order- Mr. Cerrato called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

II. Public Hearing- None

III. Minutes of 5/2/2013- Mr. Cyr moved, second by Mr. Pelletier to approve the minutes of 5/2/2013 and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.

IV. Old Business-

A) Approval of findings of fact for the Moyiee Corporation- The board voted 5-0 to approve the finalized findings of fact for the Moyiee Corporation.

V. New Business-

A) Discussion on Light Pollution Ordinance- Lynn McNeal, Caribou resident, approached the board regarding a light pollution ordinance. Mr. McNeal briefed the Board on street lights before explaining his situation with a neighbor who had a light on his property that polluted into Mr. McNeal's home and made sleeping at night very difficult. Mr. McNeal requested the Planning Board look into a light pollution ordinance that would address issues like this. Mr. Cyr moved, second by Mr. Murphy to ask staff to look into light pollution ordinances and the Board voted 5-0 to do so. Mr. Mazzucco said he would prepare comparable and other information for the Board to consider at their next meeting.

B) Discussion on rezoning- Jim Bacon, Caribou resident approached the Board regarding rezoning his piece of property to allow horses for personal use. He stated that he did not need a change now but was looking to do this sometime in the next few years. Chairman Cerrato pointed out that the zoning could be changed for the property next to Mr. Bacon's allowing continued use for the property up to Mr. Bacon's and allowing Mr. Bacon to have horses. Chairman Cerrato suggested the Planning Board incorporate this change into the city wide zoning at the conclusion of the Comprehensive Planning Process. Mr. Bacon was favorable to this. Mr. Cyr moved, second by Mr. Hunter to view Mr. Bacon's request favorably and to incorporate it into the Comprehensive Planning process and rezone when the City rezones all of its zoning, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve.

VI. Other Business

- A) Update on Comprehensive Plan** – Mr. Mazzucco requested that the Board set two dates in August to begin Comprehensive Plan work. The Board decided to meet August 1 and August 22 and would begin substantial work on the Comprehensive Plan on the 22nd.
- B) Update on SWOT Analysis-** Mr. Mazzucco briefed the Board on the SWOT analysis and the Board discussed the input from the SWOT analysis and how well it went overall. The Board also discussed finding a way for younger individuals to be involved with the Planning Board and the Comprehensive Plan.

VI. Adjournment- Mr. Hunter moved, second by Mr. Pelletier to adjourn and the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Cyr,
Planning Board Secretary
City of Caribou