RESOLUTION NO. 2023-38

CITY OF GRANT
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

A RESOLUTION DISBANDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND DESIGNATING THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL REVIEWING BODY FOR LAND USE APPLICATIONS AND ZONING-RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, under Minnesota law, municipalities are granted the discretion to create planning agencies including planning commissions which are advisory directly to the City's governing body.

WHEREAS, the City of Grant's ("City") Code of Ordinances, through Article 24, contemplates the establishment of a Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances tasks the Planning Commission with the review, study and recommendation related to 1.) the City's Comprehensive Plan, 2.) all standard land use applications filed with the City, 3.) matters requiring a public hearing, 4.) drafting ordinances as requested by the City Council and 5.) such other matters and duties as the City Council may request or delegate.

WHEREAS, the City has maintained a Planning Commission for the tasks identified in the Code.

WHEREAS, planning applications are currently at a minimum in the City of Grant and the administrative costs associated with maintaining the Planning Commission outweigh the minimal number of applications filed with the City and considered by the Commission for recommendation to the City Council.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to retain the Planning Commission structure outlined in its Code of Ordinances but desires to disband the membership of the Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, the City Council's rationale for disbanding the membership of the Planning Commission centers upon the minimal submissions of land use applications with the City and the City's desire to maintain the Planning Commission structure for future use.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the City Council assume the duties of the Planning Commission until such time as the membership of the Commission is reconstituted by the City Council.

WHEREAS, this action provides the City with the flexibility to control its administrative costs while leaving open the opportunity to reconstitute the membership of the Planning Commission when land use applications within the City increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Grant as follows:

1. The City of Grant hereby disbands its Planning Commission effective immediately and all Planning Commission members are immediately discharged from their appointed positions.

2. The City Council is hereby designated and appointed the body which shall review and consider all land use applications submitted to the City of Grant and until otherwise designated, shall assume all of the functions identified in the Code of Ordinances as being the responsibility of the Planning Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Council for the City of Grant this 5th day of December, 2023.

Jeff Huber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Points
City Administrator / Clerk

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