RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22

CITY OF GRANT WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRANT REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS FOR TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020 the City of Grant, under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, through its chief, administrative officer, declared that in-person meetings of the City Planning Commission, are not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and the peacetime emergency declared by Governor Walz pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the technology infrastructure available throughout the City is inconsistent and therefore may cause potential challenges to some members of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council are committed to meeting the intent and objectives of the public hearing process that ensures the public can participate and provide public testimony regarding land use and zoning applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

- 1. That public meetings of the City of Grant Planning Commission shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means, and the City Council further directed City Staff to take such action as may be necessary to enable such meetings to occur via telephone or other electronic means.
- 2. That all Public Hearings of the Planning Commission shall be deferred and scheduled at the City Council meeting to take place after the Planning Commission has considered the application. Due to technology infrastructure constraints such change is warranted to ensure that public testimony is heard by the City Council. This shall apply to all land use and zoning applications that require a Public Hearing, and such change shall be in effect until it is no longer impractical or imprudent for the Planning Commission to resume in-person meetings.
- 3. That until in-person meetings of the Planning Commission resume, the Planning Commission shall continue to consider all land use and zoning applications and provide a recommendation to the next available City Council meeting. The City Council shall consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission and hold the Public Hearing at the same meeting, which shall occur before a decision is acted upon.
- 4. Be it further resolved that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted by the City Council for the 2020.	e City of Grant this day of,
	Jeff Huber, Mayor
Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk	