

**MINUTES
PIERRE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
COMMISSION ROOM
Monday, July 22, 2019 5:15 P.M.**

Members present were: Chair Dave Templeton, Rick Dockter, Emeline Hoblick, Terry Keller and Laurie Schultz.

Staff members present: Sharon Pruess and Susan LaFave.

Guests present: No guests.

Chairperson Templeton called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. A review of the minutes from the 6/24/19 meeting found two errors. On the first page first paragraph: should read “A review of the minutes from the 4/29/19 meeting...” On the second page last paragraph: should read “the proposal working if one couple bought a lot and wanted...” With those corrections, Commissioner Dockter moved, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the minutes as amended of the 6/24/19 meeting. Approval was unanimous.

First item on the agenda was a **Plat of Lot 35R, Block 13, Original Plat to the City of Pierre, a replat of Lots 35 & 36, Block 13, Original Plat, City of Pierre.**

Sharon Pruess, City Planner, explained the county took the property for taxes and the county, city and school district worked together to abate the taxes. The city then purchased 412 S. Brule Street and demolished a house that had been condemned. The lot is 50’ X 165’ or 8,250 square feet. The city staff discussed vacating the east/west 15’ alley along the north side of the lot. This would give the lot another 7.5’ and would help in meeting building setbacks and lot coverage for a new structure. The lot would increase in size from 8,250 square feet to 9,487.5 square feet. The city staff prepared a petition to vacate the alley and obtained signatures from 3 adjacent property owners:

Joseph Moran & Stephanie Thiesen – 501 E. Dakota Avenue

Trevor Stoltenburg – 505 E. Dakota Avenue

Denise Menning – 509 E. Dakota Avenue

The block will continue to have a 20’ north-south alley. The city engineer requested that Brosz Engineering plat the lot to reflect the vacated alley and to set property pins for resale of the lot. A public notice will be printed and a public hearing will be scheduled before the City Commission in order to vacate the alley. The plat facilitates the vacation of the alley and setting new property pins for the eventual construction/placement of a new residence on the lot. It is recommended that these items be taken care prior to the sale of the property.

Chairperson Templeton noted the date on the petition has an incorrect year. Sharon responded that it will be corrected before the Mayor’s signature is obtained.

Commission Schultz asked about utilities in the alley. Sharon advised that there are no utilities; however, the city will retain a 15' easement within the vacated alley for utility purposes.

Commissioner Schultz made a motion to recommend approval of the plat of Lot 35R, Block 13, First Railway Addition, to include vacating the east/west alley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dockter. Approval was unanimous.

Old/New Business - Pruess noted there was no old or new business.

Public Comment Period per SDCL 1-25-1 - No public comments.

With no further business, Commissioner Hoblick moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keller. Chairperson Templeton declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Minutes by Susan LaFave.