

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-33**

### **CITY OF GRANT WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

#### **A RESOLUTION 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 maintained a Planning Commission for the tasks identified in the Code until 2013 when planning applications were at a minimum and the administrative costs associated with maintaining the Planning Commission outweighed the minimal number of applications filed with the City and considered by the Commission for recommendation to the City Council.

**WHEREAS**, in February of 2013, the City Council voted to disband the membership of the Planning Commission but elected to retain the Planning Commission structure within its Code of Ordinances.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council's rationale for disbanding the membership of the Planning Commission focus upon the submission of only two land use application with the City in 2012 and the City's desire to maintain the Planning Commission structure for future use.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council discussion in February of 2013 noted that the City Council would assume the duties of the Planning Commission until such time as the membership of the Commission is reconstituted by the City Council.

**WHEREAS**, the action taken by the City Council in 2013 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014.

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Tom Carr, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Points  
City Administrator / Clerk