

**WILLMAR PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF WILLMAR, MN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015**

MINUTES

1. The Willmar Planning Commission met on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willmar City Offices Conference Room #2.

Members Present: Andrew Engan, Aaron Larson, Rolf Standfuss, Scott Thaden, and Randy Czarnetzki

Members Absent: Margaret Fleck, Steve Gardner, Bob Poe, and Gary Geiger

Others Present: Bruce Peterson – Director of Planning and Development Services

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the February 18, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.
3. ZIEGLER, INC. PLAN REVIEW – FILE NO. 15-03

Staff presented a proposal submitted by Ziegler, Inc. for an equipment sales and service facility to be located at the intersection of County Road 5 and West Highway 12. The property is the former Thomas Tool location. Staff indicated what the uses would be in each of the two buildings on the site, where customer parking would occur, and where equipment was proposed to be stored outdoors. No issues were identified with the plans as submitted. An application has been received for two wall signs to go on the main building. Due to the location of the property, there was no need to deal with issues such as hours of operation. There is limited potential for any negative impact on any properties resulting from the proposed use. It should be a good fit in the Industrial District.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Randy Czarnetzki, seconded by Aaron Larson, to approve the plan review for Ziegler, Inc. with the condition that the use at all times meets all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

The Planning Commission reviewed and made the required findings of fact.

The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

4. ZONING VIOLATIONS

Staff briefed the Commission on zoning enforcement efforts and new procedures to move violations through the legal system. The Committee discussed areas within the City that consistently have the most zoning violations, such as exterior storage, and maintenance. Staff said that with the Planner returning to her position April 1st, zoning enforcement would be a priority. It is always more difficult during the winter months due to snowfall and weather conditions.

5. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce D. Peterson, AICP
Director of Planning and Development Services