

**CITY OF MERRILL  
CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

**Regular Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**6:00 p.m.**

- I. **The meeting was called to order** by Mayor Hass at 6:00 PM.  
Members Present: Mayor Steve Hass, Alderperson Steve Sabatke, Melissa Schroeder and Alli Henkelman. Robert Reimann, Kyle Gulke were excused. Ralph Sturm was absent.  
  
Others Present: City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Alderperson Weix, Debra Weix, Brian & Mandi Schmidt, Bob & Peggy Johnson, Eric Dayton, Holly Stoerzer and Merrill Community Media video operator.
- II. **Minutes of previous meeting** – Melissa Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10th meeting. Alli Henkelman seconded and the motion carried.
- III. **Public Hearing at 6:00 PM:**  
City Attorney Hayden read the public hearing notice. Melissa Schroeder made a motion to open the public hearing. Alli Henkelman seconded and the motion carried. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel explained the Plant Garden Center request for rezoning.  
  
Mark Weix – 1007 Pine Bluff Avenue – spoke about all neighbors receiving the public notice. He stated one property owner did not receive the notice. BIZA Pagel stated the notices are only sent to citizens of the City of Merrill per the Ordinance. The neighbor who did not receive the notice lives in the Town of Scott.  
  
Debra Weix – 1007 Pine Bluff Avenue – spoke regarding concerns of the property is sold and future growth.  
  
Holly Stoerzer – owner of Plant Garden Center – spoke the Commission and residents regarding her intentions regarding the rezoning request. She stated she will leave a gracious amount of frontage to protect the homeowners concerns.  
  
Following discussion, Melissa Schroeder made a motion to close the public hearing. Alli Henkelman seconded and the motion carried.  
  
The Commission discussed the items that were addressed during the public hearing. Melissa Schroeder made a motion to approve the rezoning request and send to Council on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Alderperson Sabatke seconded for discussion. Following further discussion, the original motion was amended to approve the rezoning request to include a 30 foot buffer on Pine Bluff Avenue. Melissa Schroeder amended the original motion, Alderperson Sabatke seconded the amended motion and the motion carried. The request will be forwarded to the August 8<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting.
- IV. **Public Comment:**  
There was no public comment

V.

**Adjournment:**

Alderson Sabatke motioned to adjourn the meeting. Melissa Schroeder seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Minutes prepared by Lori L. Anderson-Malm City Clerk