

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
Monday, May 4, 2015 – 6:00 PM
7217 4th Street, City Hall

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF COUNCIL

PRESENT:

MAYOR FRANK KONRAD
COUNCILLOR JULIA BUTLER
COUNCILLOR CHRIS HAMMETT
COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE THOMPSON
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WIRISCHAGIN

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CORPORATE OFFICER
MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING
DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER

D. Allin
D. Heinrich
S. Bird
S. Winton

GALLERY

ABSENT:

COUNCILLOR NEIL KROG
COUNCILLOR COLLEEN ROSS

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the Public Meeting to order at 6:05 PM

MINUTES

REGISTERED PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORT FROM COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF FOR DECISIONS

a) Manager of Development & Engineering

To amend the current Zoning Bylaw by rezoning the property legally described as Lot D, District Lot 534, SDYD, Plan KAP 9707 from the current R-1 (Single & Two Family Residential) Zone, to the R-4 (Rural Residential) Zone.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open at 6:05 PM, and advised that this Public Hearing was being convened pursuant to Section 890 of the Local Government Act to consider Bylaw No. 1606-A3, "City of Grand Forks Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 1606-A3, 2015". He advised that the bylaw is intended to amend the City of Grand Forks' Zoning Bylaw No. 1606, 1999, by rezoning the property located at 832-64th Avenue, legally described as Lot D, District Lot 534, SDYD, Plan KAP 9707 from the current R-1 (Single & Two Family Residential) Zone, to the R-4 (Rural Residential) Zone.

He commented that at this Hearing, any person present who believes that his or her interest in properties within the boundaries of the City are affected by the proposed bylaw, shall be given the opportunity to be heard on matters contained in the bylaw. Further, he stated that it is important that all who speak at this Hearing restrict their remarks to matters contained in the bylaw and it is the Mayor's responsibility as Chair of the meeting, to ensure that all remarks are so restricted.

He advised that those persons who wish to speak concerning the proposed bylaw should, at the appropriate time, commence their address to the Council and the meeting by clearly stating their name and address, and then they may give Council the benefits of their views concerning the proposed bylaw.

Members of Council, may, if they so wish, ask questions of speakers following their presentation; but added that is it the main function of council members at this Hearing, to listen to the views of the public. Further the Mayor added that it is not the function of Council, at this hearing, to debate the merits of the proposed bylaw with individual citizens, or with each other.

The Mayor added that everyone who deems his or her interest in the property to be affected by the bylaw shall be given the opportunity to be heard at this Hearing, and that no one will be, or should feel discouraged or prevented from making their views known.

After this Hearing is concluded, the Council may, without further notice, give whatever effect council deems proper to the representations made at this Hearing.

The Mayor commented that during the course of a Public Hearing, people sometimes tend to become too enthusiastic or emotional. Regardless of whether they are in favour or oppose any particular application or argument, and to please refrain from applause or other expressions of emotion. Restraint enables other whose views may or may not coincide with your own, to exercise their right to express their views and enables all views expressed to be heard in as impartial a forum as possible.

The Mayor thanked those present, for their patience and cooperation, and advised that the Hearing would proceed.

The Mayor asked if anyone here wished to speak;
Tim Bleiler, who resides at 829 - 64th Avenue, advised that he moved to Grand Forks for the peace and quiet. He commented that the intentions of the property owner could create more noise with an almost commercialized environment as a result of the proposed zoning change where Mr. Wagner plans to run a market and raise chickens. Mr. Bleiler advised that he is opposed for the application.

The Manager of Development and Engineering advised that she received an email from a property owner named Gregg Cherrington-Kelly who currently lives in Richmond, but owns 820 - 64th Avenue by Mr. Wagner, and advised via correspondence, that he opposes the zone change application.

Ryan Galloway, who resides at 6270 Como Street - advised that he is not opposed to the zone change.

After hearing from the public, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing Closed at 6:38 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:38 pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



MAYOR FRANK KONRAD



CORPORATE OFFICER - DIANE HEINRICH