

Minutes of the Land Use and Development Committee Meeting

The Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday January 8, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Gordon, Members Erickson, Buchanan, Harris, Finch and Wendt

Members Absent: Member Johnson

Other Board Members Present:

Staff Present: Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator, Mr. Don Knap, First Assistant State's Attorney, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Mr. Phil Dick, Director of Building and Zoning

Others Present: Mr. Mike Behary, County Planner

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. He presented the bills from December 31, 2014 which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Land Use and Development Committee by the County Auditor. The prepaid total and fund total for December 31, 2014 is \$3,879.15.

Motion by Harris/Wendt to recommend approval of the December 31, 2014 Land Use and Development Committee Bills.
Motion carried

Chairman Gordon presented the request by the McLean County Land Use and Development Committee to approve a resolution to amend the McLean County Subdivision Ordinance to move the fees for subdivisions from the Subdivision Ordinance to a different area of the County Code that will contain all fees charged by McLean County. He noted that this is a public hearing and declared the public hearing open at 3:35 p.m.

After being sworn in Mr. Phil Dick, Director of Building and Zoning stated that notice of the public hearing was published in the Pantagraph on December 20, 2014 as provided by law. He reported that this is a follow up on the fee increases discussed during the budget presentation in the November, 2014 Committee Meeting. Mr. Dick stated that removing the fees from the Subdivision Ordinance will allow the County Board to amend fees currently contained within this ordinance without proposing a text amendment each time fees are increased. A similar change is being made to the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Dick noted that the fees will remain in the Subdivision Ordinance until the County Board passes the McLean County Fee Ordinance. He advised that the Civil First Assistant State's Attorney and County Administration have reviewed the proposed change and recommend approval.

Mr. Finch stated that the removal of the fees from the Subdivision Ordinance will become effective upon the adoption of the McLean County Fee Ordinance. He asked when the Ordinance intends to be adopted. Ms. Eisner responded that the McLean County Fee Ordinance may be presented to the County Board at the February meeting. She added that Administration is in the process of adopting a County Code. This may be presented to the County Board in February. A separate chapter in the Code will be the McLean County Fee Ordinance which will also include other departments where fees are assessed. Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant State's Attorney noted that the County Highway Department is looking at changing some permit fees which have not been changed since the late 90's. One global fee ordinance will allow the general public better access as well as assisting the County Board when making fee changes.

Ms. Eisner reported that, when completed, the County Code will be available on the County Website and will be kept current.

Mr. Buchanan arrived at 3:41 p.m.

Chairman Gordon asked if the Committee had any further questions for Mr. Dick. Hearing none he asked if there was testimony in opposition to the proposed amendment. He asked if there was any opposition to closing the public hearing. Hearing no objection, Chairman Gordon declared the public hearing closed at 3:42 p.m.

The Land Use and Development Committee went back into open session.

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Motion by Wendt/Harris recommended approval of the Resolution of the McLean County Board Adopting a Text Amendment to the McLean County Subdivision Ordinance to move the fees for Subdivisions Applications from the Subdivision Ordinance to a different chapter of the County Code containing all fees charged by McLean County.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon stated that the next meeting of the Land Use and Development Committee is February 5, 2014.

Chairman Gordon asked if there was any other information to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the Land Use and Development Committee Meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary