

**WILLMAR PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF WILLMAR, MN  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012**

**MINUTES**

1. The Willmar Planning Commission met on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willmar City Offices Conference Room #2.

\*\* Members Present: Mark Klema, Charlie Oakes, Andrew Engan, Gary Geiger, Randy Czarnetski, and Bob Poe.

\*\* Members Absent: Scott Thaden, Nick Davis, Virgilio Aguirre, Jr.

\*\* Others Present: Megan Sauer- Planner/Airport Manager.

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the February 22, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.
3. RICE HOSPITAL LAND ACQUISITION: Staff presented a land acquisition request on behalf of Rice Hospital, for a piece of property in Redwood Falls Minnesota for Rice Home Medical. They are considering purchasing a piece of property along Highway 19/71. As the property is not in the City limits, the Planning Commission acknowledged the land acquisition as per City Attorney Rich Ronning.
4. STREET VACATION HAROLD AVE NW- FILE NO. 12-1: Staff presented a City initiated street vacation of right-of-way that has never been improved and no one was aware was even a platted street Harold Ave. NW (between Olaf and Ella Ave. NW). Staff discovered the forgotten right-of-way for an abutting street improvement. The abutting landowners have been using the land as their own for years. A public hearing will be held at the City Council regarding the street vacation.

Mr. Oakes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Czarnetski, to approve the resolution recommending the street vacation proceedings to the Willmar City Council.

The motion carried.

5. ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE SECTION 4 PARKING DRAFT DISCUSSION: Staff discussed some additional items to add to the section such as parking deferment, drive through stacking, and commercial vehicles in residential areas. The Commission asked for more time to review the document and a larger amount of Commission members in attendance for discussion.
6. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan M. Sauer, AICP  
Planner/Airport Manager