P&Z Report - October 2018

The Honorable Michael Kidd and Members of the City Council Dallas Center, IA 50063

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council:

The Dallas Center Plan & Zoning Commission met Tuesday, October 23, 2018 with the following members present: Abby Anderson, Scott Bailey, Sylvia Miller, Thomas Strutt, Dan Willrich, and Matt Ostanik. Also in attendance were City Attorney Ralph Brown, Bob Paxton, and a representative from Heartland Co-op.

The Commission held a public hearing on amending the Zoning Code to include "Sales and Fabrication of Cabinets" as a permitted use in the C-1 (Central Business) Zoning District. No public comments were received on the proposed amendment. The Commission then voted unanimously to recommend that City Council approve the proposed amendment to the Zoning Code.

The Commission also discussed, per a referral from City Council, a request from Heartland Co-op to vacate a portion of Cherry Street west of 11th Street. The Commission's understanding is that the City's historic policy has been to not vacate streets unless the same owner owned properties on 3 sides of the street, and Heartland Co-op now owns properties on 3 sides of the location discussed. Dan Willrich moved and Thomas Strutt seconded to recommend that City Council proceed with vacating. The motion was approved unanimously.

Finally, the Commission discussed an anticipated future request from Ron Nielsen to rezone two lots in Cross Country Estates from commercial to residential. Because a formal request is expected but has not yet been received, the Commission voted unanimously to give the city attorney authority to schedule a public hearing on the proposed rezoning on the Commission's behalf should a formal request be received prior to the next regular P&Z meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Ostanik P&Z Commission Chair