

**CASPER PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING
THURSDAY OCTOBER 12, 2023
THE LYRIC, 230 W YELLOWSTONE**

These minutes are a summary of the meeting. For full details view online at www.casperwy.gov on the Meetings and Agendas web page.

Members Present: Maribeth Plocek, Terry Wingerter, Joe Hutchison, Michael McIntosh, Kenneth Bates, Nic Eskew

Absent Members: Vickery Fales-Hall

Council Liaison: Steve Cathey

Others present: Craig Collins, City Planner
Barb Santmire, Administrative Assistant III
Wallace Trembath, Deputy City Attorney

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Bates moved that the minutes of the September 14, 2023 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting be approved as presented. Ms. Plocek seconded the motion. With Mr. Wingerter abstaining and all other members present voting aye, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case #1: SUB-491-2023 & ZOC-499-2023 – Request for final plat approval creating the proposed “Lower Brothers Addition,” being a vacation and replat of all of Blocks 1-9, included platted streets, alleys and easements, “Lower and Cool Addition,” all of Block 15, lots 1-2, Block 16, and part of vacated Hickory, Sycamore and 25th Streets, “Riverview Addition,” and Lots A-B and part of vacated Alley, Block 2, “Mt. Hope Addition”. Applicants have also requested a zone change of the proposed “Lower Brothers Addition” from multiple zoning classification, to R-5 (Mixed Residential) and ED (Educational District). Applicants: Lower Brothers and Mount Hope Lutheran Church.

Craig Collins, City Planner, presented the staff report and entered 6 exhibits into the record, and noted 1 staff recommended condition. There were no public comments submitted.

Jeffrey Snyder, representative from Mt Hope Lutheran Church, spoke to the application. Mr. Snyder stated that the plan for Lot 2, zoned ED (Education District), is to built a Lutheran College. The plan is to have facilities for approximately 300 students with housing for about 160. They want to have 1 to 3 buildings completed and ready to open for classes by August of 2025. There will be three degrees offered (not in competition with existing local colleges) and are working with Casper College to develop trade programs too.

Robert Lower, representative of the Lower Brothers, was also present to answer any questions the Commission might have.

There being no others to speak, Chairperson McIntosh closed the public hearing and advised that the plat and zoning requests will be voted on separately.

First, Mr. Wingerter made a motion to approve with conditions case SUB-491-2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eskew. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Second, Mr. Hutchison made a motion to approve case ZOC-499-2023 to be forwarded to Council for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr Bates. All those present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Collins advised the applicant that the plat and the zone change will be scheduled for hearing at a Council meeting. The applicant will be notified of the public hearing date and they, or their representative, should be present to answer any questions. After approval by Council, the document will be recorded and a copy of the final paperwork will be emailed to the applicant for their files.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council Liaison – Mr. Cathey advised that the Ward I open Council seat would be filled at the next Council meeting (10/17/2023).

Historic Preservation Commission – The Christmas ornaments arrived and were sold out in less than 2 weeks.

Old Yellowstone District Advisory Committee – there was no meeting in September.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson McIntosh adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm.


Chairperson


Secretary