

AMERY PLAN COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
August 24th, 2023

The Plan Commission for the City of Amery met on Thursday – August 24th, 2023 at City Hall. Acting Mayor, Eric Elkin; called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Acting Mayor, Eric Elkin; and Members – Paul Shafer, Linda Millermon, Paul Isakson and Patty Bjorklund.

Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer, Ben Jansen; and Deputy Clerk, Taylor Larson.

Others present – School District Administrator, Shawn Doerfler, Connie Jorgenson, and Eric Wjocik.

1. **Discussion of Jorgenson Field Acquisition with Amery School District** – The School District would like to explore the possibility of acquiring Jorgenson Field with the intention of incorporating it into its plan for revitalizing all of the athletic facilities on the campus. It is also their intention to leave it as a memorial and to consult with the Jorgenson family and foundation before major changes are made. There is a potential problem with this for future softball leagues. Currently the leagues are able to have tobacco and alcohol on site during games and tournaments because it is on City property; were it to be owned by the School this would no longer be allowed. There is also an endowment fund for the field that will provide for maintenance and other needs. It is the wish of the family and friends that the school allows lights to be installed with some of this money if it took possession. No action was taken at this time, however staff will research the best way to transfer ownership and will meet with Eric W. regarding the endowment for the field. A public hearing was tentatively scheduled for Sept. 28th regarding this.

2. **Discussion of Possible Sale of City Property at 750 Sundance St. (Parcel ID 201-01045-0230)** – Acting Mayor, Elkin entertained a motion to open the public hearing regarding this item.

Motion by Millermon; seconded by Isakson; to open the public hearing at 9:47 A.M.

Ayes – Shafer, Bjorklund, Millermon, Isakson, Elkin.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried.

No comment was heard.

Motion by Millermon; seconded by Isakson to close the public hearing at 9:48 A.M.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes – Shafer, Millermon, Isakson, Bjorklund, Elkin.

Nays – None

Motion Carried.

The buyer, Matt Sagendorf, is wanting to build an ammunition assembly plant and hopes to eventually employ around 50 people. The Commission felt as though the new industrial park would be a better location for this kind of operation because it is not located as close to the schools and wetlands. It was floated that the City could draft a proposal for the buyer to entice him to move to the new industrial park instead. No action was taken at this time, however, this may be placed on a future plan commission meeting because the Commission did not act on the buyer's offer.

Motion to adjourn by Isakson, seconded by Millermon at 10:07 a.m.

Ayes - 5

Nays - 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Jansen, MPA
Clerk-Treasurer
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