

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025; 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Milhiem called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Gary Trobeck, Jayson Ennis, Ric Saucedo, Ben Dotterer, Stacey Withee, Wayne Rayburn, and City Manager Mitchell. Absent: Ron Jaeck.

Member Withee moved to excuse Member Jaeck, seconded by Member Rayburn. CARRIED.

On a motion by Member Trobeck, seconded by Member Mitchell, the April 28, 2025, minutes will stand as submitted.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OTSEGO ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO A CHICKEN ORDINANCE

Chairman Milhiem opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. At this time, Member Mitchell explained that the City's Attorney recommended that the Chicken Ordinance be a stand-alone ordinance and not part of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Shawn Beltran, 116 Mitchell – he stated that he grew up with chickens and he sees the benefits of having them. He commented that the smell and noise shouldn't be a problem. He asked since the City stated that they were looking at Rockford's ordinance, would there be a specified lot size. He commented that he only has a ¼ acre lot and it would give more opportunities. Member Mitchell stated that a specific lot size will be identified.

III. CONSIDERATIONS:

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO A CHICKEN ORDINANCE

Member Mitchell moved to remove the recommendation to the City Commission – proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance Relating to the Chicken Ordinance, seconded by Member Withee. CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION TO APPROVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTING BY NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES AND OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Member Mitchell briefly explained that process of adopting the Master Plan. Member Rayburn moved to recommend to the City Commission the approval of the distribution of the Master Plan for review and commenting by neighboring communities and outside agencies, seconded by Member Dotterer. CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawn Beltran, 116 Mitchell – he asked what the Master Plan was. Member Mitchell explained the Master Plan and its uses.

A discussion took place regarding traffic, crosswalks, and the use of the land/swampy area after the removal of the dam.

Member Dotterer announced that this will be his final meeting, as he has taken a new job out of state. He stated that he loved serving his community. He stated that the experience was fantastic, enlightening, and a great opportunity to serve a great community. Member Withee thanked Member Dotterer for his service. Chairman Milhiem also commented that serving your community is eye-opening, as you see how local meetings are run and he would encourage anyone to try it. Chairman Milhiem stated that the Planning Commission was glad to have you and you are appreciated.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Member Withee seconded by Member Rayburn.

CARRIED – 7:27 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk