CITY OF MONTELLO

PLAN COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Members Present: Gary Doudna, Ron Knutson, Barb Jordan, Ken Streich, Thorne Whitstruck, Jim Houdek.

Others Present: Pat Kilbey, Mike Kohnke, Ryan Miryala, Joe Violetto, Carol Faulkner, Bill Faulkner, Mark Robinson.

1. Public Hearing on Conditional Use Request from Ryan Miryala, Recyy Recycling LLC to operate an electronics waste collection at W373 St Hwy 23. Public Hearing opened at 6:32 pm. Applicant stated his intent to rent a portion of a building at Nelson Pade Aquaponics, as a collection site for electronics and household appliances. Stated all items will be stored indoors, sorted and transported to a location in Iowa. No repairs, dismantling, refurbishing etc would take place at this site. It would be manned Tuesday’s thru Sunday’s. County Conservationist Pat Kilbey informed Committee about the huge turnout for last years 1 day E-Waste Collection for the County, indicating that the need exists. Several dumpsters and numerous trucks were filled with items. He agreed with applicant that the State and DNR regulate such sites. Neighbor Joe Violetto voiced concerns regarding hazards to the environment if a refrigerator was leaking freon, how will after hours dumping be handled, threats to wells or nearby lakes and creek. Carol Faulkner voiced many of the same concerns. Public Hearing closed at 7:15pm.
2. Motion by Jordan, second by Knutson to approve Conditional Use permit for Recyy Recycling LLC with the following conditions: No refrigerators or air conditioners to be accepted. All items must be stored indoors. Exterior perimeter of building must have security cameras to prevent after hours dumping of items. Appropriate signage listing items that are not accepted. Commission to review Conditional Use Permit in one year.

Ayes: Knutson, Jordan, Streich, Houdek, Whitstruck, NAYES: Doudna. Motion carried.

1. Discuss with action to place for sale City property. Discussion of the sale of aprox. 11.16 acres of wooded land adjacent to the current 3m Recycling/ Waste station on Fern Avenue, in the Town of Montello. Listing of property has been approved by Public Works Committee, Buildings & Purchasing Committee, as well as full Council accepting those actions. Plan Commission approval is required by State Statute. Property to be listed on Wisconsin Surplus Auction website, with a minimum bid of $70,000.00. Notice would be published in the Marquette County Tribune so people are aware of the auction. City would retain the right to reject any and all bids. Citizen Mark Robinson reminded committee that they are not making any more land. Robinson asked about it being used for a leaf/brush dropoff site, as his neighborhood burns many leaves. PW Director Kohnke explained the hurdles the City has faced in trying to start a compost site at the former dump property.

Motion by Doudna, second by Jordan to place the property on Wisconsin Surplus Auction site, with the City retaining the right to refuse and and all bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Streich, second by Knutson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

Minutes by Houdek