

OWATONNA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, 2026

The Owatonna Planning Commission met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Crandall Center – Chambers with Chairperson Kelly Rooks conducting the meeting. Present at roll call were Commissioners Kelly Rooks, Rachel Springer-Gasner, John Eickhoff, Mark Wilson, Dave Effertz, and Jim Joachim. Commissioners absent: Nick Peake. Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke, Planning Specialist Emma Bransford, and Senior Administrative Technician Kristen Kopp were also present.

A motion was made by Joachim and seconded by Eickhoff to approve the minutes of regular meeting of May 12, 2026. All Commissioners voting Aye, the motion carried.

Application CUP-, which is a request by Chad Lange / Prairie LaSalle Partners for a Minor PUD Amendment to allow the usage of a lot to change from a 6-unit townhouse to a pair of 6-unit flats as previously proposed in the PUD and amending the future phasing, or Mineral Springs Estates located east of River Springs Waterpark, was presented by Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke. (Refer to report on file.) Public hearing opened at 5:33 pm. Craig Britton, Design Engineer with Widseth, was present representing the applicant. No comments were made regarding this request. Public hearing closed at 5:34 pm. A motion was made by Springer-Gasner and seconded by Wilson to recommend City Council approval of CUP-25, a request by Prairie LaSalle Partners and Chad Lange, Festal Farms, for a Minor PUD Amendment to allow the usage of a lot to change from a 6-unit townhouse to a pair of 6-unit flats as previously proposed in the PUD and amending the future phasing with the following condition:

1. The lot shall either have the final plat amended through the approval process or an administrative split filed prior to construction of the second 6-unit building.

All commissioners voting Aye, the motion carried.

Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke gave an update on the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Process. Kruschke said that the Commissioners will be getting a draft copy of the Ordinance later this week. If there are questions, he encouraged them to write them down. In late August or early September there will be a public hearing to adopt the Ordinance. There will be a joint work session with City Council at 5 pm on July 7. The Consultant will run that meeting.

Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke gave an update on previous items and presented the monthly Building Permit Reports. Single family homes are ahead of where we were last year. We just issued a three-unit building as well.

A motion was made by Joachim and seconded by Effertz to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm. All Commissioners voting Aye, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Kruschke
Community Development Manager