

**WALKER PLANNING COMMISSION  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 28th, 2015  
6:00 p.m. 701 Elm Avenue Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room**

**1. Call to Order** 6:01 p.m. by Chair Wilkening

**Roll Call-**

Members Present: Gary Wilkening, Charlene Moore, Rich Hansen

Public: Ben Oleson

Staff: Pamela Smith

Absent: Erin Haefele

**2. Additions or deletions to agenda.**

None.

**3. Announcements by Chair.**

Wilkening stated that Municode's legal analysis would be looked at by City Attorney John Valen for accuracy. The recommended changes are included in the packet for review of the Board. Any interested Board members are welcome to attend the teleconference between Municode's Senior Code Attorney, Roger Merriam our City Attorney, John Valen and City Administrator Terri Bjorklund. (The teleconference has not yet been scheduled).

Wilkening updates Board member Moore that Hansen will continue to serve on the Board and also at the last meeting an area resident Jim Worcester attended the meeting considering possibly wanting to serve on the Board. Worcester had approached Wilkening after the meeting saying that he wouldn't be able to serve on the Board.

**4. M/S Hansen/Wilkening to recommend approval of Minutes for November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**  
Motion passed (3-0)

**5. Planning/Zoning –Report for November 2015**

Wilkening reviews report.

**6. Ben Oleson from Hometown planning reviewed the consolidated survey responses of the City's Comprehensive Plan Public Input survey. The items identified as having relevance to be included in the updated Comprehensive Plan are as follows:**

- The new Chamber/City electronic sign-changes too quick or too slow, review the rules and usage of the sign.
- Tourism-a statement can be made identifying what the City can be involved in and what they are not involved in as to delineate different organizations that help support Tourism such was the Chamber.
- Parks
- Sign Ordinances

- Affordable housing/Starter homes/less restrictive zoning to reflect that or a standpoint to help encourage affordable housing
- Sidewalk project-a walkability study
- Bypass-City can state that they oppose the bypass
- Library-goal to finalize the conversation about surrounding townships and the City with funding the Library.
- Community College/Hospital-goals to increase the economic stability in the City of Walker-location at the Ah-Gwah-Ching site
- Marketing/Promotion may be out of the Cities hands.
- Annexation-Library, Parks and Airport pursuing a discussion on a joint powers agreement of sorts.

**7. Wilkening adjourned meeting at 7:59 p.m.**