

**MINUTES OF THE OTTAWA PLAN COMMISSION**  
**January 7, 2013**

Chairman Brent Barron called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Ottawa City Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Buiting, Barron, Howarter, Perry, Reagan, Stone

Absent: Burns, Less, Volker

Others: City Planner Tami Huftel

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was moved by Stone and seconded by Perry that the minutes of the November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, meeting be approved as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. *Zoning Ordinance.*

i. *Amending the R-Rural Section.* The commission discussed amending the rural section of the zoning ordinance by adding Barge Fleeting Operations for transloading and hauling of grain, sand, gravel or other non-hazardous granular material, including equipment and buildings or silos for storage and shipping of such for market, not including manufacturing. Tami explained ADM on Route 71 is discussing annexation with city. They will be loading and hauling sand from this location once Mississippi Sand is producing. They plan to either construct a new silo or use their existing one. Since the current operation feels rural or agriculture it seems to make sense to add this conditional use to the rural district. Also, should they abort the barge operation they would only be permitted to uses listed under R. Tami also added that Barge Terminal is an existing and permitted use under "E Industrial". That use is a very large shipping operation with several cranes, shipping containers and etc. The language of "Barge Fleeting Operations" is being proposed to create a different category or level than Barge Terminal. After some further and general discussion by the commission it was moved by Howarter and second by Perry that the OPC recommend to the City Council to amend the zoning ordinance to include Barge Fleeting Operations for transloading and hauling of grain, sand, gravel or other non-hazardous granular material, including equipment and buildings or silos for storage and shipping of such for market, not including manufacturing as a conditional use under the R Rural district. Motion carried unanimously.

ii. *Other Zoning Ordinance amendments.* As the commission has other Zoning Ordinance amendments under discussion it was moved by Stone and second by Howarter to continue the public hearing for the other zoning ordinance amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

b. *Sign Ordinance.* It was moved by Buiting and seconded by Reagan that the sign ordinance public hearing be continued. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business it was moved by Perry and seconded by the Buiting to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami L. Huftel  
City Planner