

**CITY OF LISBON**  
**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING**  
**September 17, 2015**

The Planning and Zoning Meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by member Richard Boots at Lisbon City Hall, Lisbon, Iowa on Thursday, September, 2015.

Members Present were Michael O'Donnell, Richard Boots, John Bardsley, and LuAnn Yarbrough. Absent, Jerry Dietsch.

Yarborough moved and O'Donnell seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Yarbrough moved and O'Donnell seconded to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015 and February 26, 2015 meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current ordinance regarding solar panels, which only allows them to be installed on the roof in residential and commercial zones. Brad Miller presented information on current systems available and explained that the roof mount would not be feasible for his property. He also noted that most other cities in a 50 mile radius of Lisbon have already changed their ordinances to allow ground mounted units. Yarbrough moved and Bardsley seconded to recommend changing the ordinance to allow solar panels on the ground in commercial and residential areas, making the units meet all of the zoning setback requirements as stated by Lisbon Code of Ordinances. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the required amount of parking spaces per Lisbon Code of Ordinances. It was decided that Lisbon's current code requires parking spaces per "floor area" which includes all of the building except for restrooms, hallways, etc. It was agreed that "floor area" as defined in the code and used to figure the requirement for parking spaces, should only be the floor area that is used for public use. Motion by Bardsley and seconded by Yarbrough to recommend the definition of "floor area" be redefined as "public use floor area" and that the requirement for Professional and Business Offices not listed elsewhere, Section 165.18.6(6) should be changed from one parking space per 100 square feet of floor area to one parking space per 300 square feet of public use floor area. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held on developing an ordinance to regulate portable storage and shipping containers. Meier reported that Linn County regulates them under their accessory building code and requires them to be tied down. Motion by Yarbrough, seconded by Bardsley to recommend adopting Linn County's Ordinance requiring them to meet the current setback requirements per Lisbon Code of Ordinance and with the addition of the requirement to have them painted to match the décor of the primary structure. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Yarbrough announced that the city council is in the process of updating the city's zoning map and that she has requested larger laminated copies for the Planning and Zoning Commission. It was decided that visibility at intersections, the comprehensive plan and parking issues would be topics of discussion for the next regularly scheduled P&Z meeting.

Motion by O'Donnell, seconded by Yarbrough to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

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Connie Meier, City Administrator

For Roy Weir, Lisbon Planning and Zoning

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Richard Boots, Chairman

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