

Meeting Minutes
Groton Planning and Zoning Commission
January 23, 2017
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Les Hinds, President
 Gordon Nelson, Vice-President
 Jeff Steen, Secretary
 Chris Khali
 Justin Olson
 April Abeln, Assistant Zoning Administrator
 Dave Blackmun, City Council Representative
 Scott Hanlon, Mayor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Hinds.

The August 8, 2016 meeting minutes were presented and reviewed. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Olson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

The Commission reviewed the proposed amendment to the City Zoning Map under the 2012 Revised City Ordinances. The City of Groton submitted a zoning change request for the property commonly known as Olive Grove Golf Course, legally described as SE 19-123-60W, to allow for placement of advertising signs. The two rezoning options considered were as follows:

- 1) Rezone all of the Olive Grove Golf course from Agriculture Fringe to Commercial 2
- 2) Rezone 300 feet along US Hwy 12 from Agriculture Fringe to Highway Commercial

Concern regarding the rezoning request was expressed by Jay Howard; 714 North Main Street; Groton, SD. Brenda Waage and Jake Unzen were present to represent the Olive Grove Golf Course and to provide additional information pertaining to the proposed advertising signs.

Steen provided the Commission with relevant sections of the Federal Highway Beautification Act and SD Codified Laws pertaining to outside advertising. Upon review of the information, it was agreed that rezoning the Olive Grove Golf Course from Agriculture Fringe to Commercial 2 would be the best option for maintaining compliance with the Federal/State requirements. The Olive Grove Golf Course representatives were requested to ensure that the advertising signs are placed in accordance with the requirements.

Nelson made a motion to approve the request to rezone the Olive Grove Golf Course from Agriculture Fringe to Commercial 2, with the stipulation that the placement of advertising signs will be limited to two locations and that any additional Commercial development on the Olive Grove Golf Course shall require approval of the Groton Planning & Zoning Commission. Khali seconded the motion. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned by Hinds.