

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING
OF THE CITY OF LITTLEFORK
IN THE COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING AND STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Call to Order

Chairperson Rod Bergstrom called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Rodney Bergstrom, Loren Lehman, Erik Lund, Emily Jesme, and Whitney Sims

Members Absent: Jean Anderson

Others Present: Holly Hoy, Ron Liljedahl, Craig Palmer, Lacy Palmer, Sawyer Palmer and Todd Thydean

Review Proposed Property Rezoning

The Planning Commission met for the purpose of considering an application by Craig Palmer to re-zone parcel 95-002-00040 located at 1301 6th Ave in the City of Littlefork from Residential (R1) to Commercial C2. It is described as That part of Lot 4, Auditor's Plat 9, as described in Document #307081, Section 10, Township 68N, Range 25W, Koochiching County, Minnesota.

Craig Palmer stated that he wanted to re-zone the proposed parcel for the purpose of building a welding shop. Ron Liljedahl spoke of his concerns including more traffic, possible tax increase for his property, noise concerns and the lot being a general eye sore with clutter. Craig explained that the shop would be a temporary location, and he would maybe make it into a paint booth. The Palmer's also have adjoining property on the North side of Mr. Liljedahl's lot where the pad is already placed back further on their current commercial property located at the Northerly part of Lot 4, Plat 9. Mr. Palmer also stated that he previously tried to purchase land in the Industrial Park area, but it is mostly wetlands, so he was refused. Mr. Palmer stated that he would be creating jobs for the community and that is a good thing.

A motion was made by Erik Lund to recommend to the City Council that the request be granted at their regularly scheduled city council meeting on November 20th. Loren Lehman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Rod Bergstrom shared that he would be retiring as President of the Planning and Zoning Committee and that he would need to be replaced. There are currently two positions open on this committee, so Holly Hoy was directed to ask the citizens of Littlefork to sit on this board. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Attest: Holly Hoy,
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Rodney Bergstrom
Planning Commission Chair