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5 **1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Barbara Ronningen called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

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7 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was recited.

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9 **3. ROLL CALL** – Present: Chair Barbara Ronningen, Sally Doherty, Kris Kopitzke, Lucia Wroblewski, Roger  
10 Bowman, Mark Nelson, Jim Langan, Scott Patten. A Quorum was present. Absent: none

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12 **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Council Member Joe Richter, City Administrator Ron Moore, City Clerk  
13 Julie Yoho

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15 **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –

16 Add item A. under New Business: new ordinance to prohibit feeding wild animals. Add item 9B2. Liaisons  
17 with other committees; 9B3 Tour of Carlson property.

18 **Motion/Second: Nelson / Doherty. To approve agenda as amended. Motion passed. 8-0-0.**

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20 **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

21 A. June 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes – **Motion/Second: Wroblewski/Kopitzke. To approve minutes of June**  
22 **5, 2017 with correction in line 34; should read “existing” not “exiting”. Motion passed 5-0-3** (Patten,  
23 Langan, Nelson abstained due to absence)

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25 **6. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS** – None

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27 **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

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29 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

30 **A. Proposal for Ordinance against Feeding Wildlife.**

31 Chair Ronningen proposed developing an ordinance prohibiting feeding of wildlife, specifically deer, geese  
32 and turkey.

33 Wroblewski stated that an ordinance such as this would be difficult to enforce

34 Langan suggested putting information in the monthly newsletter about feeding and chronic wasting disease in  
35 deer. The city could also provide information regarding planting milkweed in ditches which get sprayed and  
36 ultimately hurts the butterflies

37 Doherty stated that this ordinance proposal is not really related to land use

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39 **9. OLD BUSINESS** –

40 **A. Comprehensive Plan Update Process**

41 1. Obtaining Necessary Data

42 Patrick Boylan and Corrin Wendell of the Met Council provided information on how the Met Council can  
43 assist in the comprehensive plan update. Resources and data are available online on the Met Council site.

44 Corrin is available to meet with a work group to answer any questions. Mapping tools are available. The  
45 Met Council is not able to write surface water management plans – city will need to work with the  
46 watersheds for that piece.

47 Q&A

48 Kopitzke asked about the Met Councils environmental role in regards to groundwater.

49 Boylan answered they have authority over cities with systems; the DNR, Dept. of Health and others are  
50 involved when it comes to groundwater.

51 Langan indicated that he had data from the City of Woodbury and the DNR on this subject.

52 General discussion was held on demographics and population projections.

53 Nelson noted an objection to the scoring matrix for energy consumption.

54 Patten asked about Green Step Cities. Wendell answered they are based on levels of environmental  
55 criteria.

56 Bowman asked what happens if the comprehensive plan is contrary to neighboring cities.

57 Boylan noted that the Met Council reviews for compatibility, conformance, and consistency. He  
58 suggested adding or maintaining language to support the city's development priorities.

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60 2. Discussion of an Environmental Scorecard  
61 It was decided to list an environmental scorecard as a goal in the comp plan

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63 3. Draft Updates of Plan Sections by Commission Members  
64 Park plan updates are coming soon. Comments from the NRGC are needed before the August meeting.  
65 Commission member are to go through their sections and review for next month.

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67 B3. Liaisons with Other Committees (addressed out of order)  
68 Wroblewski would like to be liaison for NRGC and also for Parks committees  
69 Ronningen will attend HPC meetings

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71 **B. Update on City Council Actions**

72 1. Council Member Richter provided a summary of the June City Council meeting.

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74 2. Tour of Carlson Property  
75 The Council members will be having a work session tour on Thursday, July 13 at 5:30 to visit the site for  
76 informational purposes. It is an open meeting, PC members are welcome to attend.  
77 Chair Ronningen asked if the City can get an independent analysis regarding the impacts of the PLCD,  
78 including impacts on steep slopes, existing vegetation, drainage, etc.  
79 Administrator Moorse responded that the City's consultants will review. The applicant needs to respond to  
80 comments received regarding the Environmental Assessment Worksheet.  
81 Kopitzke expressed concern that the covenants for the proposed development are so different from the rest  
82 of Afton, in terms of rural character elements, such as allowing horses or chickens.

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84 **10. ADJOURN**

85 **Motion/Second: Bowman / Wroblewski. To adjourn. Motion passed 8-0-0.**

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87 Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM

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91 Respectfully submitted by:

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95 Julie Yoho, City Clerk

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98 **To be approved on August 7, 2017 as (check one): Presented: X or Amended: \_\_\_\_\_**