

**CITY OF FINLAYSON PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 AT 1:00 PM AT CITY HALL**

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- 1) **ROLL CALL:** Members present: Dennis Liebelt, Nancy Liebelt, Dave Auchter, Josette Koets, Marge Haefner, Jeff Flaws. Members absent: Rev. Nate Konkell, Bruce Pogatchnik, Norm Kester. Visitors: Penny Simonson, East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC), Brian Anderson (MNDot).  
Call to Order: Koets called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.
  
- 2) **BUSINESS:** The purpose of this meeting is a working group session to review the Comprehensive Plan.
  - a) **Survey Results:** Reviewed by Simonsen; approx. 64+ out of 192 surveys have been returned.
  - b) **Transportation Goals (“relate to the entire community that involves development and maintenance of systems that move people and goods.”)**
    - i) Goals & policies are broken down into sections relating to different land uses. A key feature of the comprehensive plan is that it treats all of these many land-uses individually, since all of these uses together determine the makeup of the city.
      - (1) Goal (desired result or purpose): The PZ Commission has developed a list of goals that, in a general yet achievable way, address identified issues in the city of Finlayson, both positive & negative.
      - (2) Policy (general principal or plan that guides the actions taken by a person or group. These policies then become the means to achieve the stated goals & specific actions the city will take to accomplish the goals outlined in this section.
    - ii) Under the guidance of Simonson, the workgroup focused on updating the wording of the goals and policies established in the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, with a focus on Transportation Goals #1 and #2.
    - iii) Members then viewed maps presented by Brian Anderson of MNDOT and presented a report on the planned 2032 update of Highway 18 effecting the city of Finlayson. Members shared their concerns about “dangerous” intersections, the need for emergency vehicle signage, reduced speed ahead signage, extending the plan to cover the entire town of Finlayson instead of stopping at the Methodist church area, replace-update water/sewer lines under Highway 18 as needed, future access on Highway 18, layout of roads in developments, and other items.
  
- 3) **ADJOURNMENT**
  - a) Meeting adjourned at 3:30PM without motion.

*Submitted by: Nancy Liebelt, Commission Secretary*  
*Formatted and revised by: Liz Bernhardt, City Clerk*