

**CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
April 3, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Lexington Planning Commission was held Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in the Council Chambers at the Lexington City Hall, 406 East 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska, at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Sadie Worthing, Ellie Quintero, Jeremy Kaiser, Jared Jacob, Barb Margritz, Chris Denker, and Cameron Smith. Curtis Roemmich was absent. City Officials present were Development Services Director Bill Brecks, City Manager Joe Pepplitsch, Assistant City Manager Dennis Burnside, City Attorney Brian Copley, and Secretary Pamela Baruth. The press was represented by Clipper-Herald.

**NOTICE:** Notice of the meeting was given in advance, thereof by publication in the Lexington Clipper-Herald, the designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these Minutes. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all Members of the Planning Commission. The proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. All items presented and discussed on the Agenda were available for public inspection.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Worthing who informed the public that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Meeting Room at the Lexington City Hall, located at 406 East 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska.

**MINUTES–MEETING 2-6-19:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, February 6, 2019, were presented to the Commission for consideration and approval. Moved by Smith, seconded by Kaiser, to approve Minutes as presented. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Margritz, Quintero, Denker, Jacob, Kaiser, Smith, Worthing. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Worthing opened a public hearing to consider an Application for Conditional Use Permit by Nebraska ILS Feeders DBA Roberts Cattle Company for expansion of the existing feedlot facility located at 75590 Road 436. Brecks reviewed the application and plans submitted for the expansion in land size and number of cattle fed. He also reviewed a draft conditional use permit agreement, pending issuance of permits by Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. He noted that there are no related codes specifically for feedlots in the Lexington Zoning Code but a recommendation by the local governing board is a requirement of the NDEQ permitting process. Brandon Sorensen, Assistant Manager of Roberts Cattle Co., explained the planned increase of head on feed and renovation plans for pens and water drainage system. When questioned by Kent Young, neighbor, as to how water is drained, Travis Caspersen, an engineer with Settje Agri-Service and Engineering, Inc., explained in more detail the current drainage situation and plans for renovations. He also explained the timeline for construction and renovation. Jo Swartz, neighbor, commented on her concerns regarding the increase in odor, trucks, insects, and decrease in property values and road conditions. As there were no further public comments, the public hearing was closed. Following discussion, moved by Smith, seconded by Jacob, to recommend to the City Council approval of the Conditional Use Permit application by Nebraska ILS Feeders DBA Roberts Cattle Co as presented. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Margritz, Kaiser, Quintero, Denker, Jacob, Smith, Worthing. Motion carried.

**ROUNDTABLE:** Pepplitsch and Brecks noted that a subdivision application, a CUP application, and a potential redevelopment contract may come before the Commission in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Lexington Planning Commission, Chair Worthing declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Baruth  
Planning Commission Secretary