

Chris Mayer, Chairman, calls the Public Hearing to Order at 9:34 AM at the Conover Center, 4665 E CTH K, Conover, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Chris Mayer, Chairman; Steve Favorite, Vice-Chairman; Chuck Hayes; Lorin Johnson; Kathleen Rushlow.

Others Present: Dawn Schmidt, Zoning Administrator; David Sadenwasser, Administrative Secretary; J.P. Galloway, Agent for Applicant; Dale Soltow, Vilas County Sheriff's Department; Dave Leack, PSC Alliance; Steve Rhode, Town of Conover; Marshall Reckard, John H. Barkenow, Rich Martinson.

The secretary reads the public notice.

The Chairman adjourns the hearing for the onsite inspection at 9:35 AM.

Members Present at Onsite: Chris Mayer, Chairman; Steve Favorite, Vice-Chairman; Chuck Hayes; Lorin Johnson; Kathleen Rushlow.

Others Present at Onsite: David Sadenwasser, Administrative Secretary; J.P. Galloway, Agent for Applicant; Dale Soltow, Vilas County Sheriff's Department; Dave Leack, PSC Alliance; Steve Rhode, Town of Conover; Marshall Reckard; John H. Barnekow; Rich Martinson.

No testimony or public comment was taken at the onsite inspection.

The Chairman reconvenes the hearing at the Conover Center at 9:42 AM.

The secretary swears in J.P. Galloway, agent for applicant, of Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Mr. Galloway testifies that a thirty by thirty foot, six foot high fence with barbed wire on top of it for a total height of eight feet will be erected around the proposed tower. He states that signage erected will comply with all applicable regulations.

The secretary swears in Steve Rhode, Town of Conover Chairman, of Conover, Wisconsin.

Mr. Rhode states that there has been no contract presented to the Town regarding the proposed tower. Mr. Galloway responds that a contract is in the process of being approved by the County and will be presented to the Town within the next couple of weeks. He states that the towers are not designed for commercial co-location but have been designed to support Town equipment.

Mr. Favorite states that the proposed tower would be a partnership between the Town and County used for public purposes.

Discussion regarding the contract between the Town and County.

No one else wishes to testify. There are no letters or testimony regarding this application.

The committee members completed the findings of fact decision form regarding the standards of issuance for the Conditional Use Permit as follows:

1. The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, comfort, or general welfare because it will improve public safety through better communications for emergency services and it is being placed in a safe and secure location in the middle of town property.
2. The uses, values, and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already permitted shall in no foreseeable manner be substantially impaired or diminished by establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use because the proposed tower is being used for municipal operations and is replacing an existing tower used for similar purposes.
3. The establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district because the established use is a municipal use which already supports a tower and the proposed tower will not affect the existing pattern of development in the area.

4. Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary site improvements have been or will be provided because adequate utilities, roads, and drainage already exist on the site.
5. Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets because no additional provisions for ingress/egress will be required as the proposed tower will not create any additional traffic.
6. The conditional use shall conform to all applicable regulations of the district in which it is located because the use is allowed in a Community Business (CB) district and is allowed per the Wireless Communications Ordinance with issuance of a Conditional Use Permit.

Motion by Chuck Hayes, seconded by Kathleen Rushlow, to issue the Conditional Use Permit 2012-05 subject to the following conditions:

1. Any fencing erected shall not exceed eight feet in height.
2. Appropriate signage must be in place which meets all applicable regulations.

Roll call vote:

Chris Mayer - Aye

Steve Favorite - Aye

Chuck Hayes – Aye

Lorin Johnson – Aye

Kathleen Rushlow – Aye

Motion carried unanimously; permit issued subject to conditions.

The Chairman adjourns the public hearing at 9:55 AM.