

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 23, 2026**

The Independence Planning and Zoning Commission met in the Council Chambers on Monday, February 23, 2026. Matthew Chesmore, Building Official, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commission members present were Tyler Rasmussen, Nathan Hansen, Brian Keierleber, Stephanie Sailer, and Stephanie Berns. Commission members absent were Tami Fenner and Jane Leaven. A quorum was present.

Also present were Brad Bleichner, Mayor; Matthew Chesmore, Building Official; Matthew Schmitz, City Manager; Ron Ohl; Brian Crawford; and Blake Hayward.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 6, 2026 was made by Brian Keierleber. Tyler Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nathan Hansen moved to appoint himself as Commission Chair for the 2026 calendar year. Stephanie Sailer seconded. Motion carried.

Stephanie Sailer moved to appoint Stephanie Berns as Board Secretary for the 2026 calendar year. Tyler Rasmussen seconded. Motion carried.

The Commission discussed the Preliminary Plat of Survey for Jackson Green 7th Addition.

Brian Keierleber moved to require Ron Ohl to modify the Preliminary Plat of Survey for Jackson Green 7th Addition to include a second entrance off 6th Avenue and to resubmit the plat to the Commission. Nathan Hansen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rasmussen, Berns, Sailer, and Hansen – No; Keierleber – Yes. Motion failed.

Tyler Rasmussen moved to approve the Preliminary Plat of Survey for Jackson Green 7<sup>th</sup> Addition as submitted. Stephanie Berns seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rasmussen, Berns, and Sailer – Yes; Keierleber and Hansen – No. Motion carried.

Brian Keierleber moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. Stephanie Sailer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Sailer  
Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary