

**UNAPPROVED
CITY OF BLAINE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2022**

The Blaine planning commission met in the City Hall Chambers on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Chair Goracke called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Members Present: Commission Members: Gorzycki, Homan, Swanson, and Chair Goracke.

Members Absent: Commissioner Members: Deonauth, Halpern, and Olson.

Staff Present: Elizabeth Showalter, Community Development Specialist
Shelia Sellman, City Planner
Teresa Barnes, Project Engineer

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4.5 – Case File No. 22-0054 – Public Hearing – The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to construct a 105-foot-tall monopole cell tower with a five foot lightning rod in an I-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning district.
VERTICAL BRIDGE 500, LLC TOWER (LCC TELECOM SERVICES), 2201 108TH LANE NE.

The report to the planning commission was presented by Elizabeth Showalter, Community Development Specialist. The public hearing for Case File 22-0054 was opened at 7:30PM.

Mike Bieniek, LCC Telecom Services representative, introduced himself to the commission and noted he has been working with staff for the past year on this request. He discussed how city ordinance has been amended and how the project would meet all setback requirements. He commented on how the monopole will serve the residents in the area by improving cell service. He reported the FAA was part of his application process and noted no lighting would be required on the pole.

The public hearing was closed at 7:33PM.

Motion by Commissioner Swanson to recommend approval of Planning Case 22-0054 based on the following conditions:

Case 22-0054:

1. The applicant must maintain an FCC license to operate the facility.
2. No lighting is permitted.

3. No signage is permitted, except as required by state and federal regulations.
4. The structure shall be removed within 12 months of termination of transmission from the facility.
5. The equipment area shall be surrounded by a six-foot-tall opaque fence. Chain link with slats will meet this requirement.
6. The tree proposed for removal shall be replaced with a 6-foot-tall conifer tree to be located north of the equipment and/or tower.
7. The applicant shall file all paperwork required by the FAA.
8. The applicant will need to obtain a work in the Right-of-Way permit for the proposed driveway access onto 108th Avenue.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Gorzycki. The motion passed 4-0.

Chair Goracke noted this would be on the agenda of the September 7, 2022 city council meeting.