



Planning Commission Minutes
September 5, 2007 Regular Scheduled Meeting

APPROVED

City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 P.M.

Planning Commission Present

- Randy McKibbin, **Chair**
- Grant Sulham, **Vice-Chair**
- Donn Lewis
- Dennis Poulsen (**Absent**)
- David Eck (**Absent**)
- Katrina Minton-Davis
- L. Winona Jacobsen (**Absent**)

City Staff Present

- John Vodopich, P&CD Director
- Steven Ladd, Planning Manager
- Debbie McDonald, New Commission Clerk
- Christy McQuillen, Interim Commission Clerk

A poll determined that a majority of Commission members would be available for the next meeting scheduled for September 19, 2007.

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE-CHAIR SULHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEWIS TO APPROVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COMMISSIONS POULSEN, ECK AND JACOBSEN FROM THE MEETING. APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE-CHAIR SULHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEWIS TO APPROVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COMMISSION JACOBSEN FROM THE MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2007 THAT WAS JOINT WITH CITY COUNCIL. APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes subject to review and approval were those of July 18, 2007.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LEWIS, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SULHAM TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2007 WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED BY COMMISSIONER LEWIS. APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

III. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Title 15, Sign Code- Mr. Vodopich and Mr. Ladd explained to the members of the Commission that the draft Ordinance that is being presented is from the City Attorney's office in response to a recent court case

out of the City of Redmond. Mr. Ladd compiled information/statements from other municipalities regarding their position on the subject (Exhibit A) that shows that very little action is being taken at this time. Bonney Lake City staff is simply presenting the materials for commissioner consideration. It's noted that no public hearing, SEPA review nor formal staff report is scheduled at this time.

Vice-Chair Sulham expressed frustration with the overwhelming amount of political and real estate signs that litter city roadways. Several have not been removed and it's alarming that little has been done to move forward with issuing citations or implementing fines.

In response to this concern, Mr. Vodopich explained that this is clearly an enforcement issue and the City is working to resolve this by moving forward to hire additional code enforcement staff (position currently open). Mr. Vodopich explained that in his 20+ years of experience, sign enforcement has been problematic with most other cities.

In a lengthy discussion, commissioners unanimously agreed to incorporate Commissioner Jacobsen's ideas as outlined in an email (Exhibit B); clean up the ordinance from the City attorney's office; modifying the language in reference to "discretion of the Director" by replacing with guidelines, adding numbers and sizes for incidental signs; focus on electronic/LED signs and reader boards.

Mr. Vodopich indicated that staff would work on drafting materials related to cleaning up the draft Ordinance and on the electronic/LED signs and reader boards to present at the next Planning Commission meeting.

This item is to remain on the Agenda under Old/Continuing Business and for further discussion at the September 19th Planning Commission meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS: None

V. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Correspondence- Email from Commissioner Jacobsen (Exhibit B) related to the sign code.

Staff Concerns-

Commissioner Concerns- Commissioners took the opportunity to ask a few questions to the new Director of Planning and Community Development, Mr. Vodopich.

Position on UGA expansion (South Prairie, Falling Waters and Cascadia)-

- 1) How does the City realistically expand the Urban Growth Area for such a large populated area and how does the City adequately provide water and sewer to an area that is estimated at 10,000 population?
- 2) If the City of Bonney Lake is to annex an Urban Growth Area this large with an estimated population of 10,000, wouldn't that place a constraint on City services?

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Mr. Vodopich answered by saying that this has a lot to do with current or future administration. Overall, the City is required to follow the Growth Management Act and look at the criteria to annex. It's a difficult endeavor to take in such a large populated area.

Commissioner Minton-Davis asked about the status of the significant recommendations made to City Council in regards to the School Impact Fees and the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Mr. Vodopich said that City Council has postponed any action on the Capital Facilities Plan for the School Districts which include increasing school impact fees and the Comprehensive Plan Amendments. All items have been tabled until Council meets again on September 11, 2007. Staff will keep the commissioners posted.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE-CHAIR SULHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEWIS TO ADJOURN. APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

The meeting ended at 6:23 P.M.

Christy McQuillen, Interim Planning Commission Clerk