

City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday July 19, 2016 5:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present:

Chairman Mark Herman, Joe Ebens, Jeff Hallock, Craig Carpenter, Rick Ryland, and Roger Cain.

Absent: Commissioner Kurt Wilson and Karly Spell.

Also Present: Mayor Ken Williams and City Clerk Charlene Ruthe.

Chairman Mark Herman started the meeting.

No Public Comment.

Don Griffin, Chairman of the Ogle County Long Range Committee, would like this Committee to review and recommend to the City Council, a request for the vacancy of South 6th Street, from Jefferson to Washington Street. This request is pursuant to the approval of the Long Range Planning Committee, considering the site on South 6th Street for a new County Jail. This is something that was identified in the most recent Comprehensive Plan. Although the Comprehensive Plan does identify the Street to close as South 5th Street. This would also be contingent upon approval by the Ogle County Board.

Rick Ryland made a motion to move forward to see what is involved to close the Street, Seconded by Jeff Hallock. Motion carried No. Nays.

If utilities would need to be capped off the County would pay the expense.

Jeff Hallock made a motion to change in the Comprehensive Plan that South 6th Street be closed from Washington to Jefferson instead of South 5th Street, Seconded by Mark Herman.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Craig Carpenter moved to approve the May 17, 2016 minutes, Seconded by Mark Herman.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Mayor Williams handed out a Riverfront Retail Zoning packet prepared by Teska & Assoc. He would like everyone to look over and if any questions please let him know. Willett Hoffmann & Assoc. is preparing a map.

Mayor Williams has a Consultant scheduled August 2nd to discuss a TIF District in the downtown area. They will be meeting with Department Heads, Council members, Committee members from Plan Commission and Economic Development. Mayor will email time and place of meetings.

(Roger Cain arrived)

List that was prioritized.

- (1) Parking in front yards
- (2a) Low branches blocking sidewalk/streets
- (2b) Plants on terrace
- (3) Smoking in front of retail shops
- (4) Temporary signs
- (5) No signs on terrace
- (6) Size & character of signs/awnings/murals
- (7) Boats, junk in yards, RV's
- (8) Blue traps on roofs

At next month's meeting Kurt will be bringing an Ordinance from City of Byron regarding parking on terraces or lawns.

Smoking in the downtown doesn't look good would like to address this issue. State law requires that the people be fifteen feet from the door of a business.

Line of site and plants in the terrace is another issue to address.

Mark Herman moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Joe Ebens.
Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourn: 6:05 PM

Charlene Ruthe, Secretary