City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 5:30 pm City Hall Council Chambers.

Members Present:

Mark Herman, Roger Cain, Jeff Hallock, Rick Ryland, and Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Absent: Craig Carpenter, Joe Ebens, and Karly Spell.

Also, Present: Mayor Ken Williams, Chief Darin DeHaan, and City Clerk Charlene Ruthe.

Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

Rick Ryland moved to approve the January 20, 2018 minutes, Seconded by Kurt Wilson.

Motion carried. No Nays.

The Committee discussed Section 20-3 Nuisances of the City Codes. It currently lists that storage of things can't be in a haphazard, unorganized, or unprotected manner. What does haphazard mean, lack of not be organized. The Committee felt leave it as is.

The Committee discussed parking and storage of recreational vehicles in residential districts. A copy of Machesney Park's Ordinance was included in the packets. What is the main problem? How stored, where stored, and utility trailers being used for storage for a length of time. Chief DeHaan stated the main complaint he gets from citizens is they don't want to look at anything stored and don't care what season it is. Kurt brought up City of Byron's Ordinance they don't allow parking on the streets. Also talked about putting dates to allow recreational vehicles to be stored on residential properties April 1st to November 1st for spring/summer and for winter November 1st to April 1st.

Kurt Wilson moved that all recreational vehicles and trailers must be stored in the side or rear lot of the property and are not allowed to be parked between the dwelling unit and the public right-of-way (street). They must be parked behind the front face of the home/garage. Off season vehicles can only be parked in the driveway April 30th to November 1st and winter November 1st to April 30th, Seconded by Mark Herman.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Discussed snow removal on sidewalks in the school district. What area is considered the school zone? When kids are walking to school they are having to walk in the street or walk on sidewalks that are not shoveled. Would like to see the removal of the snow be sidewalk width not just a small path. Kurt is going to contact Superintendent Tom Mahoney and see if the students that need silver service hours could help residential that

can't or don't have a way of removing the snow. Chief DeHaan also had a copy of the Illinois State Statue pertaining to snow removal.

Kurt Wilson moved that it's the responsibility of the property owner in the residential areas to remove accumulated snow after a one-inch snow fall by 7:30 a.m. the day of the accumulation. First offense twenty-five dollars, second fifty dollars, Seconded by Rick Ryland.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Ogle County Plan & Zoning sent a request for an administrative variation without public hearing pursuant for 794 N Il Rt 2. This is the two-story brick house south of Jeff Hallock's. Jeff said they want to put a second story above the existing kitchen. He doesn't have a probably with it being completed and either does the rest of the committee. They let us know since it's within a mile and half of the city limits. Would only need to vote if don't approve.

Mark Herman moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Kurt Wilson.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourn: 6:32 PM

Charlene Ruthe, Secretary