

## City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Monday January 21, 2020 at 5:00 pm City Hall Council Chambers.

**Members Present:** Mark Herman, Roger Cain, Jeff Hallock, Rick Ryland, Karly Spell, and Randy Cropp.

**Absent:** Commissioner Kurt Wilson

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

Chairman Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

Chairman Mark Herman opened the Public Hearing for a Variance submitted by John Robertson 100 Moring Court to build a shed two feet from the lot line. He is replacing an existing shed that is already there and he has a fence located on the lot line. Mark read the seven standard questions for a variance.

The Public hearing was closed.

Karly Spell moved to recommend to the City Council to approve the variance submitted by John Robertson 100 Moring Court to build a shed two feet from the required lot line, Seconded by Rick Ryland.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Karly Spell moved to approve the November 18, 2019 minutes, Seconded by Rick Ryland.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Mayor Williams would like the Committee to consider rezoning the East Side of the one block of South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Residential to Commercial. Through Economic Development the downtown is seeing increased shopping, dining and residential activity. The existing 3<sup>rd</sup> Street parking lot is often full and while overnight parking is now allowed in the 100 block of South 3<sup>rd</sup> this is only a stop gap measure. As part of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Oregon longer term needs will best be met by expanding the commercial zone to the east side of the 100 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. This will allow for expanded parking and additional commercial develop. A key part of the city plan is to have our commercial district go all the way to the riverfront.

A Public Hearing was set for February 18, 2020 to discuss the rezoning of the East Side of the 100 Block of South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Notice will be put in newspaper, certified mailings to the adjoining property owners and anyone within 250 feet from the property.

The City Zoning map is a work in progress.

Mayor Williams announced that the signage for Courthouse Tavern is being sent out for approval.

Mayor Williams would also like this committee to address the Temporary Signs that are in the Historic District. This would not include the businesses in the Commercial Highway Business District.

The Committee discussed the improvements that are being made in the downtown area. The new Fitness Center on Washington opened January 4<sup>th</sup>. Wiggles are hoping to have the walkway from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the parking lot on 5<sup>th</sup> Street open by first weekend of October AOP Festival. Mayor Williams said the engineering for the 5th Street Parking

lot Improvements are under way and hope to go out for bid this winter. He met with Comed Representatives about the wires in the back of the businesses hope to be able to clean up the area. Also have Comcast and phones wires. Someone that has family ties to the area is going to look at the old theater. They would be interested in playing old movies.

Roger Cain wanted to know if the Committee could look at the fence permit heights for a corner lot. The house at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Monroe put one up and it's over six feet high and it's on a corner lot. Mayor Williams asked him to contact Kurt Wilson with his concern and could possibly discuss at the next meeting.

Mayor Williams is waiting on the revised ordinance from Kon Savoy for rezoning the Pines Road Corridor. Should be able to set a public hearing for the March 2020 meeting.

Karly Spell moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Randy Cropp.  
Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourn: 6:25 PM

Charlene Ruthe, Secretary