

City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday May 19th, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Zoom Meeting.

Members Present: Rachel Brunner, Roger Cain, Randy Cropp, Jeff Hallock, Mark Hermann, Rick Ryland, Karly Spell, Mayor Ken Williams, and Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Also Present: City Administrator Darin DeHaan, Street Superintendent Terry Plemmons and Deputy Clerk Cheryl Hilton.

Chairman Mark Hermann called the meeting to order.

Karly Spell moved to approve the April 21st, 2020 minutes, Seconded by Randy Cropp.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Mark Hermann opened the Public Hearing for a Variance Application for Outside Landscaping Improvements located at 201 N. 3rd Street at 5:32 PM.

There was no public comment.

The Public hearing was closed at 5:32 PM. Now committee members can voice their opinions.

Rick Ryland stated that Hands on Oregon will be helping to build the deck for Hector's. It will have 4 tables; 2 tables will seat 4 people and 2 tables will seat 2 people. There is concern for social distancing that will need to be discussed. Hector's have already done a lot of landscaping. He also said that the deck would be approximately 11 feet from the road. The deck would be smaller than the Veterans Deck. Mayor Ken Williams said that they need a variance because the deck would be built in a right of way. Karly Spell asked how this will affect snow plowing. Terry Plemmons said that there is already an issue as to where to put snow in town and that it could be an issue for the future. Roger Cain said it is not a huge concern to him and we do not want to prevent a business from attracting customers. Randy Cropp asked about the safety of the platform regarding drinking alcoholic beverages so close to the road. Mayor Ken Williams replied that they would have to enclose the deck, alcohol would not be allowed to leave the premises. Rachel Brunner asked about ADA compliance. Roger Cain said that building permits will need to be submitted to the City Building Inspector, state codes will have to be followed.

Roger Cain moved to make recommendation to the City Council to approve the Variance Application, Seconded by Randy Cropp.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Mark Hermann discussed the Tree Replacement Program stating that there are a lot of trees on the City's list that should be removed. Many of the trees on the list are invasive

and different options should be considered. He will continue to work on the list and is open to suggestions and will also consult his co-workers. Mayor Ken Williams said that the residents and members of the City Council would like to see a list of trees that are acceptable. They are looking for guidance from the Planning Commission. Commissioner Kurt Wilson said he would like to see a top 10 list of trees. This would make it easier to relay to the residents. Rachel Brunner, Mark Hermann, and Roger Cain will work on a list of trees and nursery's where the trees can be purchased for the residents.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan has been working on the City Zoning Map. He has had trouble finding an accurate zoning map. He would like to split the City up into zones and complete on zone at a time, making sure each location is zoned correctly. Mayor Ken Williams said that the 2016 Comprehensive Plan would be the official zoning map for the City at this time.

Rachel Brunner is a new addition to the Planning Commission. She is an English Professor at Sauk and her husband works with Mark Hermann. They are vested in this community and she looks forward to working with everyone.

Mark Hermann moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Karly Spell.

Adjourn: 6:07 PM

Cheryl Hilton, Deputy Clerk