

## City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom Meeting.

**Members Present:** Rachel Brunner, Randy Cropp, Jeff Hallock, Mark Herman, Rick Ryland, and Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

**Absent:** Roger Cain and Karly Spell.

**Also, Present Via Zoom:** Attorney Paul Chadwick, City Clerk Cheryl Hilton, Rachel Jones, Mayor Ken Williams, and John Young.

**Also, Present at City Hall:** Brian Cash and City Administrator Darin DeHaan.

Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

Attorney Paul Chadwick opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 PM. He stated the purpose of the public hearing is to consider vacating a portion of Taylor Street. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said notice of the public hearing was published in the Dixon Telegraph according to requirements. John Young at 701 Jackson Street asked what the resident's intentions were for the property. He also asked if the resident could apply for a variance in the future and what the cost of the property would be. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said the vacated property would be re-parceled. The portion of Taylor Street being vacated would be for a driveway access to a garage the owner would like to put on his existing property. Commissioner Kurt Wilson said the resident planned on using the garage for storage of property such as boats, motorcycles, and other vehicles. For a variance, the resident would need to approach the Planning Commission for approval. The cost of the property was quid pro quo, in exchange for the engineering services required.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to close the Public Hearing, Seconded by Randy Cropp.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Public Hearing was closed at 5:36 PM.

Jeff Hallock moved to approve the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes, Seconded by Rick Ryland.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to recommend Vacating a part of Taylor Street to the City Council, Seconded by Randy Cropp.

Motion carried. No Nays.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan was approached by a local downtown business owner requesting the city to look at parking patterns in the 3<sup>rd</sup> street parking lot. The Street Department needs access from March 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> for maintenance. A consideration is to relax the odd/even parking except for Fridays during these months. There would be well marked signage at the entrance to the parking lot as well as throughout the parking lot. Rachel Brunner said we do not want downtown businesses losing business due to time constraints on parking.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan presented information on re-roofing and re-siding regulations. One possibility would be to add language to the current code stating that if 25% or more of the roof or

siding is being replaced or repaired a permit be required. A 3-month time limit and a \$75 dollar fee on re-siding and re-roofing permit was also discussed. Commissioner Kurt Wilson said 3 months would keep the permit fresh on everyone's mind and the fee would cover the cost of any inspections done by the cities building inspector. Rachel Brunner thought the fee would act as a deterrent. She thought a fee of \$25 dollars more appropriate; we do not want to discourage residents from maintaining their property. A permit would allow for the cities building inspector to have oversight over the quality of work being provided by a contractor.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson received an ordinance from the City of Pekin on the regulation of Low-Speed Electric and Gas-Powered Bicycles. The ordinance gives their police department the opportunity to check the vehicle for any safety or noise issues before they are driven on the city streets. City Administrator Darin DeHaan said registration would be required and a possible sticker issued for the vehicles. Randy Cropp said there are already state laws in place to regulate these types of vehicles. The police department can already issue tickets for violations. Police officers would need to be educated on how to perform a proper inspection of these vehicles. Mark Herman said that safety is the key. Mayor Ken Williams said these vehicles are designed to be low speed and are being run at fast speeds. The ones that are in excess of the ordinance, 28 mph, are where the issue is.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan is working on creating an ordinance for safety protocol when working in the downtown area. There currently is no protocol for construction in the downtown area. A sidewalk closure permit may be an option. Mayor Ken Williams wants the city to be as helpful as possible with this process, provide cones or barricades if needed.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan met with the committee working on the zoning map. They hope to bring their findings to the Planning Commission soon.

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

Motion carried. No Nays.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk