

## City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

**Members Present:** Rachel Brunner, Roger Cain, Randy Cropp, Jeff Hallock, Mark Herman, Karly Spell, and Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

**Also, Present:** City Administrator Darin DeHaan, Joe & Julie Ebens, City Clerk Cheryl Hilton, and Mayor Ken Williams.

**Present via Zoom:** Rick Ryland and Commissioner Terry Schuster.

Chairman Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

No public comment.

A public hearing was held to discuss a Special Use Application submitted by Jeff Hinkleman for a Short-Term Rental located at 303 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Parcel #16-03-185-005. There have been improvements made to the home since the sale of the property in December.

Jeff Hallock moved to close the public hearing at 5:36 pm, seconded by Kurt Wilson.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Karly Spell moved to approve recommendation of the Special Use Application submitted by Jeff Hinkleman for a Short-Term Rental located at 303 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Parcel #16-03-185-005 to the City Council, Seconded by Randy Cropp.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Rachel Brunner moved to approve the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Motion carried. No Nays.

The short-term rental ordinance was discussed. City Commissioners had questioned the 30-day reservation limit in the ordinance. Air B&B has internal protocol to extend the 30-day limit by renewing the reservation. The committee also discussed annual renewal, fire and safety requirements, and state and county taxes. Three percent of the taxes would benefit tourism by way of Blackhawk Waterways.

A Sustainability Commission is being formed to serve as a representation for the community regarding environmental health. The committee is currently formulating an action plan and creating a mission statement. This committee will serve as an advisory board to the City Council on topics such as solar farms, recycling, and other environmental topics.

Mark Herman has stepped forward to help lead and guide a Tree Commission. The city received a grant from Tree City USA to help with forestry programs within the community. The Tree Commission and the Sustainability Commission will work closely together to help focus on the importance of natural resources.

Karly Spell moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 pm, Seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk