

City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday September 19th, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

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

Also, Present: Jeff Bold, City Manager Darin DeHaan, Kim Hannold, Cheryl Hilton, Mayor Ken Williams, and Kurt Wilson.

Chairman Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

Public Hearing for a Short-Term Rental request submitted by Kimber's Edge Properties for the property located at 207 S. 1st Street parcel #16-03-183-005 was opened at 5:31.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the use fits well with the event space at River's Edge Experience. The home is a two-bedroom home. All public notice requirements were met.

Rachel Brunner moved to close the public hearing at 5:33 Seconded by Karly Spell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

City Manager Darin DeHaan made a presentation regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant. He stated this is a collaboration with the Oregon School District and the Oregon Park District to provide safe walking paths from the school to the park. A five-foot sidewalk would connect the elementary school to the park. An eight-foot sidewalk would connect the park to the back of the school along Koontz Place. The maximum grant funds available are two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This project has been estimated to cost about two hundred and twenty-three thousand dollars. The grant would cover the costs of the project. No local funds would be necessary. Mayor Ken Williams stated about sixty percent of grants applied for last year were approved. Mark Herman asked who would maintain the sidewalks. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the school would be responsible for the maintenance.

Jeff Hallock moved to approve the August 15th, 2023, minutes, Seconded by Rick Ryland.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Randy Cropp moved to approve the Short-Term Rental request submitted by Kimber's Edge Properties for the property located at 207 S. 1st Street parcel #16-03-183-005, Seconded by Rachel Brunner.

Discussion: The recommendation will go to the City Council next Tuesday.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Mark Herman moved to set a Public Hearing date of October 17th, 2023 for a Short-Term Rental application submitted by Sally Moring for the property located at 309 S. 1st Street parcel #16-03-186-004, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan stated the property is for sale however the family is looking to create income for their mother while she is not living there. The location was previously used for manufacturing. The back of the building was remodeled as a two-story apartment with a large back yard. The committee discussed safety concerns due to the building being an old manufacturing building. They asked for a walk through of the property be scheduled before the public hearing.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Discuss Amending 24.16.010 to allow construction trailers to park on city streets: City Manager Darin DeHaan asked the committee for guidance on the ordinance. He stated the ordinance was originally created due to complaints of recreational vehicles and construction trailers blocking residents' views on city streets. He said with the recent influx of construction trailers, there have been requests for these types of trailers to be allowed to sit overnight on the street without violating the city ordinance. The ordinance is strictly enforced by the police department. The committee discussed issuing as needed temporary permits to allow trailers to sit on city streets. An amendment to the code will be created and presented to the City Council.

Other business: Mayor Ken Williams provided committee members with an updated Ogle County and City of Oregon zoning map. City Manager Darin DeHaan said there are also a couple of potential annexations upcoming. Council Member Kurt Wilson thanked the Planning Commission for working with him over the last eight years on the committee. He has now joined the Sustainability Committee. Rick Ryland asked about the mural at Bad Ash Cigar. Mayor Ken Williams said the petitioner decided he would like more time to consider health requirements required by the state. The City Council is allowing them thirty days to adjust and present a new plan.

Mark Herman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by: City Clerk Cheryl Hilton