

Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission of the City of Oregon met Tuesday August 20, 2013, 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Amy Trimble Chairman
Mike Bowers
Mark Herman
Jerry Hinrichs
Rich Rhoads
Rob Zimmerman
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
Absent: Joe Ebens and Tom Miller

Chairman Amy Trimble called the meeting to order.

Mike Bowers moved to approve the June 18, 2013 minutes, Seconded by Rich Rhoads.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Two variances have been submitted; the first one submitted by Marlin Wallgren to building an addition two (2) feet from the side lot line of his home located at 1105 S 5th Street. He was not present. Amy would like to have Casper figure the lot coverage and for Mike Bowers to see how far this would be from the right of way before setting a public hearing. The City Clerk will let the owner know.

The second submitted by Daniel Rosenbalm who resides at 101 Moring Court, he would like to building a garage behind is house and be able to use city property access to get to it. The city property is currently being used for construction equipment to get to the Water/Sewer Plant; it is not a city street. Amy would like to get a straw count vote before setting a public hearing because the Commissioner of Public Property and the Water Superintendent are not in favor of this. The committee suggested it not go to a public hearing for the fact that is probably won't be recommended to the City Council and they didn't want him paying money for the public notices. Attorney Paul Chadwick said he could still ask for the public hearing to be set. Mr. Rosenbalm said he will not proceed with his request.

The procedure to vacate an alley was discussed. Attorney Paul Chadwick read the State Statue on vacating an alley. The owners adjoining the alley would have to be in favor of vacating. The owners would then need to pay for a survey, fair market value for the property, have deeds wrote up, and pay for public hearing notes. Mr. Seitz was in attendance. They are requesting to vacate the alley beside their house located at 307 S 9th Street; the alley runs east of their property to 8th Street. It was suggested that he let the other adjoining property owners know of the expenses and make sure they are in favor of the alley being vacated.

Once he has done this he will need to let the City Clerk know so she can schedule a public hearing. Amy also let him know that they are a recommending board so the final vote will go to the City Council.

Amy updated the committee on Setter's Ridge Subdivision. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met with a Bank Representative and their Attorney to discuss developing the subdivision. A punch list of items to complete was given to them prior to the meeting. They want to know what the city would be willing to negotiate to start issuing building permits. Street lights need to be completed, Street Signs paid for by them but put in by Street Department Employees at no expense to them, pump station expenses, and money set aside for sidewalks. Attorney Paul Chadwick is putting a letter together of the final punch list items and cost.

Rich Rhoads moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Mike Bowers.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourn: 6:36 pm

Charlene Ruthe,
Secretary