

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY JULY 18, 2005 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Planning Commission of the City of Oregon met Monday July 18, 2005 7:00 P.M. at City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Chairman Amy Trimble
Ron Colson
Dale Geyer
Mark Herman
Larry Wright
Absent: Rick McCanse
Jerry Hinrichs
Nick Johnson

Amy Trimble called the meeting to order.

A public hearing was held to discuss a sign variance for the Ogle County offices on Pines Road. Steve Rypkema was present for the variance. The Ogle County offices are requesting a variance to construct a sign in front of their building on Pines Road. The property is zoned Commercial High Business District and in that zoning the sign would need to be flush with the building. They are requesting that the sign be 61/2 feet from the lot line on Pines Road. Ron Colson moved to recommend the sign variance submitted by Ogle County to the City Council, Seconded by Mark Herman.

Motion carried. No nays.

Ron Colson moved to approve the June 20, 2005 minutes as corrected, Seconded by Mark Herman.

Motion Carried. No Nays.

The commission discussed the information on accessory structures. Amy would like to have a final copy ready for approval to recommend to the City Council at the next meeting.

The commission discussed new businesses applying for a license. Larry Wright moved that the Plan Commission recommend that each business not have to apply for a license. This motion died for a lack of a second. It was suggested that the committee look into how other cities have dealt with business having to register for a license.

The sign ordinance was not discussed.

Mark Herman was hired as a part time temporary consultant for the city. He let the commission know that he is currently working on researching the pros and cons of Main Street & Historic Preservation. He will be trying to meet with each business owner and/or building owner in the downtown area.

Amy Trimble moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Mark Herman.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourn: 7:55 P.M

Amy Trimble, Chairman

Charlene Ruthe, Secretary