

CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
August 26, 2019

The meeting of the Connell Planning Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commission Chairman Roger Bailie, Commission Members Bruce Blackwell, Jerry Sackmann, Robert Misener

ABSENT: Vangi Ellwein

STAFF: City Administrator Maria Peña, Accounting Clerk Ivan Barragan, Building/Planning Clerk Sterling Joyner

VISITORS: Abadeen Peters, Katrina Kunkel, Lauren Smith, Kara Booker, Burl Booker, Kathy Bingham; Franklin County Graphic

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Commission member Blackwell moved to accept July 22nd, 2019 minutes as written. Commission member Sackmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Fence Regulations

City Administrator Maria Peña followed up on the request Planning Commission had made to look into modifying the fencing regulations. Nicole Stickney, from AHBL, provided a project memo which concluded that the property at 611 S. Seventh Ave. did not meet any of the criteria for a deviation nor variance. Commission Member Blackwell suggested to have a safety engineer look at the property and determine what could be done. Commission Chairman Bailie stated if the fence could be placed far enough from the street so that it was not a safety issue the Planning Commission should be able to grant a deviation that would allow a 6ft fence.

Motion: Commission Member Blackwell moved to recommend staff have a safety engineer clarify what the city can or cannot do. Commission Member Sackmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sidewalk Use Permits

City Administrator Maria Peña proposed a new chapter be added to Title 12 Streets and Sidewalks of the Connell Municipal Code. The new chapter addition did not have to go through the Comprehensive Plan process and could go before the Council in the form of an ordinance with Planning Commission's recommendation. City Administrator Maria Peña noted that the permit fee did not need to be paid annually but could be just a onetime permit fee and clarified if a new business owner went into the property they would need to apply for a new permit.

Motion: Commission Member Blackwell moved to recommend the ordinance as written to be forwarded to City Council for their consideration. Commission Member Misener seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chickens in Residential Areas

City Administrator Maria Peña provided proposed changes to the Planning Commission regarding chickens in Residential Areas. These changes would affect Chapter 17, Zoning of the CMC, therefore any changes that were made would be included in the City of Connell’s Comprehensive Plan update. Commission Member Robert Misener mentioned the City of Connell did not want free range chickens. City Administrator Maria Peña made it clear chickens needed to be kept in a proper enclosure. The proper enclosure must be setback a minimum of ten feet from the property line.

Motion: Commission Member Blackwell moved to recommend the ordinance as written to be forwarded to City Council for their consideration. Commission Member Misener seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Building/Planning Clerk Sterling Joyner proposed the next meeting to be held on the final Monday of September. Commission Chairman Bailie tentatively set the meeting date for October 1, 2019.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ivan Barragan, Assistant Secretary to Planning Commission