

Planning Commission

February 22, 2017

Trisha Tolley

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Terry Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm February 22, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chairperson Terry Thompson, Brian Gentry, Deena Vietzke, and Roger Ensz

Staff: City Community Development Director Travis Goddard, and Planning Secretary, Trisha Tolley

ABSENT

Planning Member Chris Dorow

Quorum Established.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2016 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

It was voted to accept the minutes from November 21, 2016. M/S Brian Gentry/Roger Ensz

ELECT NEW PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR PERSON

A nomination for Planning Commission Chair was made by Brian Gentry to elect Terry Thompson.

M/S Gentry/Ensz

A nomination for Vice Chairperson was made by Terry Thompson to elect Roger Ensz. M/S Thompson/Gentry.

WETLANDS

City Community Development Director Travis Goddard went over the Othello Municipal Code 13.08, WETLANDS with the changes needed to bring it up to code. Mr. Goddard listed a website map that we will refer to and the most recent manual that the state uses.

Citizen Bob Carlson had a question on 13.147.005 Purpose, Goals, and Objectives. The section that says "it is the intent of the City of Othello to promote public health and welfare by instituting local measures to preserve naturally occurring wetlands that may be annexed in the future." Was anyone going to define the word naturally? An irrigation induced wetland is not a "natural" wetland. This would be an "artificial" wetland. Meaning if the irrigation was shut off, and the area dried up, this would be considered an artificial wetland. Mr. Carlson would like it written in the OMC that it would be possible to use a pre-1950 map of the wetlands to determine if a wetland exist. Mr. Goddard wanted to talk with his agency contacts that he has and ask them for their opinion. Since we don't have to make a recommendation today we can go back and add something if wanted, but he would like to do some more research and get back to the planning commission. Terry Thompson thought that would be a good idea.

GEOLOGICALLY HAZARDOUS APPROVAL

Mr. Goddard stated that the ordinance that we have in Geologically Hazardous Areas is missing some significant language. He looked for a jurisdictions that had similar conditions to Othello. The ordinance that the City of Ellensburg had adopted in 2013 and was accepted by the State as meeting the Best Available Science standards.

Mr. Goddard went over the new material in detail because it is not based on the existing City of Othello model while mirroring something that the State has accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Commission Member Brian Gentry asked if the City had heard anything from the Bird Dog Development. Mr. Goddard indicated that he hadn't heard from them in a while, but they were still considering annexation options.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business at hand a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. M/S Ensz/Gentry Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2017.

By: Trisha Tolley Date: 3/20/17
Trisha Tolley, Planning Secretary

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