



MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023
5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

1. Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35PM

Jon Klasna
Roger Giese
Judy Goldsby
Richard Herr
Richard Klose

Absent; Ron Benner, Gavin Williams

Staff, Kurt Markegard
Forrest Sanderson with KLJ Engineering

General Items

2. Approve Meeting Minutes February 15, 2023

The chair gave the board a few minutes to read over the minutes.
Richard moved to approve the minutes and Jon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

3. Zoning regulations

Judy introduced Forrest Sanderson with KLJ Engineering. Forrest went over the zoning regulations that he is proposing. Forrest handed Richard Klose the zoning regulations for Sidney Montana and asked Richard to find some answers for questions that Forrest asked. Richard was able to look up the answers that Forrest was asking without ever seeing the document before. Forrest explained that a zoning document should be able to be used by everyone. Roger asked how long did it take to pass the zoning regulations in Sidney and Forrest said it took about a year.

Kurt informed the commission about current legislation being discussed at the state legislature and the attempt to make affordable housing. Richard Klose stated that the bills are going to make lots smaller. Richard Herr asked Forrest could people just go build in the county and Forrest replied that as long as they could get DEQ approval they could. Jon asked Forrest if the state could force the city to increase

its capacity of its water and sewer facilities and Forrest said the state could not do that. Forrest went on to explain some of the changes for zoning and asked the commission to review the information and give feedback at the next meeting.

Old Business

4. Growth Policy for the City and County Planning area

Kurt gave the planning board an update on how things are progressing and the need to have the City Council also accept changes to the growth management plan. Kurt explained that only the County Commissioners asked the Planning Board for an updated plan and not the City Council. Kurt stated that we should get the City Council to pass a resolution asking that the 2020 plan be updated as well. Roger stated that we should have that done prior to finalizing the plan. Kurt explained that if they wanted to inform the City Council to pass a resolution to have the plan modified then we would need a motion to do so. Richard Herr made a motion and Roger seconded the motion to ask the City Council to request modification to the Growth Management Plan. All were in favor.

Other Items

5. Judy brought up the idea of meeting during the day instead of meeting during the evenings. Richard Klose made a motion to meet at 11am for the next meeting and Roger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. Adjourn

Judy asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Herr moved to adjourn the meeting and Jon seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Announcements

7. Next Meeting: April 19th at 11am.

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