



Present:

Commissioner Lane Justice
Commissioner Liz Nielson
Rayola Pfnister

Commissioner Brad Richman
Brittany Yeates, Recorder
Julie Johansen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Justice welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call showed that Commissioners Justice, Richman, and Nielson were all present. Commission Chair Ronny Bloomer is excused.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED APRIL 2, 2019

Commissioner Nielson made the motion to approve the minutes from April 2, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richman. The motion carried with Commissioners Justice, Richman, and Nielson all voting aye.

3. ZONING CLEARANCE

RAYOLA PHNISTER – FENCE

Ms. Pfnister said she lives at 40 South 100 West. There is a street that runs behind her property that starts at 30 South 200 West. It is supposed to be a dead end, but her driveway connects the street starting at 200 West to 100 West. Her parents lived there previously and were told the city wanted to leave that open as a through way for emergency vehicles. In the past twenty years, it has never been used for that purpose. She is tired of neighbor dogs getting into her yard. She also doesn't appreciate people driving through her yard. She is requesting that she be allowed to put up a fence to give her a proper backyard.

Commissioner Justice told her that they need a sketch of how she wants the fence to be and maybe see how the property is laid out. They are willing to work with her. If she continues to have issues with dogs, she should file a complaint at City Hall so we have a record of it.

VANDERHERP / OWENS – FENCE

These citizens did not appear.

4. BEAUTIFICATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM – BRAD RICHMAN

Commissioner Richman reported on what the Council said about doing a beautification award. They basically like the idea but are leaving it up to the Planning Commission. It was decided to award three to five homes a month a beautification award. They might also do a Most Improved award at the end of summer.

We need to get a committee put together who can pick who the winners should be. Commissioner Richman will talk to Council Member Wendy Price who is over

beautification for the city.

5. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING ADDING CATS TO ANIMAL ORDINANCE

The Mayor has voiced her opinion that we might want to leave the current ordinance alone and make a separate one just dealing with cats. The Recorder had gathered information from different communities and groups and found that just removing the feral cats doesn't work. It creates a vacuum. It is recommended to do the TNR (trap, neuter, release) program. This prevents the new litters of kittens. It cuts down on the "Romeo" roving cats. It also will take care of the sickly cats.

The city does need to help the citizens who are neighboring the properties with an excess of cats. There are some natural ways to deter animals from coming onto a property.

Commissioner Nielson made the motion to table any changes to the ordinance and to invite an organization like Best Friend's to come do an educational meeting for the community. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richman. The motion carried with Commissioners Justice, Richman, and Nielson all voting aye.

6. REVIEW OF THE GENERAL PLAN FOR FERRON CITY

CHAPTER TWO – LAND USE

There were no changes needed other than a typo.

Commissioner Justice queried how we could improve the look of the town, especially the center of the city. Commissioner Nielson suggested doing a program like the scarecrow contest where individuals or families can take a corner and spruce it up.

Commissioner Justice expressed his opinion that the owners of Big Mountain Lodge deserve a big thank you for fixing up that corner.

Commissioner Nielson made the motion to keep chapter 2 as it is. Commissioner Richman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Justice, Richman, and Nielson all voting aye.

7. WORK SESSION

The Recorder asked for a follow-up report on the Bushman property. She had previously sent them a notice about parking. They wanted to know where they could park. They also want to know what their true address was. Commissioner Justice said he went to their property and talked with Troy. He showed them where the property line was, and they have moved the cars. He also talked to him about the trailer. No one is living in it.

Commissioner Nielson recommended that they go to the County and find out their exact address. All the commissioners agree that it looks a lot better since they received their initial notice.

Louis Vanderherp has talked to Lane Justice and Ronny Bloomer about Anita Owen's fence. He doesn't like that he can't see when he's coming out of his driveway. Ms. Owen's fence is legal the way it is so the city can't pursue anything. It is recommended that the citizens communicate and work with each other.

Commissioner Richman needs to supply the court a letter for the Clarke case. It should address both AJ and Patricia. The Planning Commission does not think they have made enough progress.

There are more and more complaints being made about Shawn Allred's property. Most of the issue is in the County but the area in the City is a problem. Commissioner Justice would like Commissioner Richman to talk about it in the City Council meeting to get direction on how we should proceed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Nielson made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Richman seconded the motion.

ATTEST:

Commission Chair Ronny Bloomer

Brittany Yeates
Ferron City Recorder