

**PAYETTE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 24, 2011**

**6:00 PM – Regular Meeting**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Choate, King, Franklin, Ladley, Hanigan (late 6:04 pm)

Members Absent: Youngberg, Hogg

Staff Present: Mary Cordova, City Coordinator/Clerk; Tiffany Howell, Assistant Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Franklin and seconded by Ladley to approve the regular meeting minutes of 1/27/2011 as written.

After a unanimous voice vote by the Commission, the motion CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None Heard.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Design review guidelines –**

The commission discussed different ways to precede with the design review guidelines. It was discussed among the Commission that they want to make this a very easy process and do not want to make it so cumbersome that it deters people from bringing their business to Payette. Commissioner King stated that he feels that the City of Jerome's Design Review Guidelines is too restrictive. Commissioner Hanigan stated that he would like to see this stay more in the downtown area not residential as he feels that people who purchase their property should have a say so in what they do to their home, landscape and etc. Commissioner Franklin stated that the purpose of tonight's discussion is to come up with a purpose statement for the City of Payette.

A motion was made by Franklin and seconded by Hanigan to approve the following the design review purpose statement:  
The Design Review process protects property rights and values, enhances important environmental features of the City and ensures that the general appearance of buildings and site improvements are consistent with the goals of the City.

After a unanimous voice vote by the Commission, the motion CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Snake River Transit –**

Clerk Cordova stated that the City currently has benches along the bus stop route that has advertising on them that is approved by the City. This is the only off premise advertising allowed within the city limits. Ms. Cordova stated that the Snake River Transit wants to put benches along the cities right of way and attach brackets to the back of the benches to allow advertising to generate revenue. Clerk Cordova stated that the City would have no say so on what advertising is displayed. Our biggest concern is a bus bench in an A-residential district and you have a very inappropriate advertisement on it. Commissioner Choate asked if there was even a need for the benches, and the reason I say this is because in the bigger cities they have a blue sign that says "The bus stops here". Commissioner Ladley asked if Snake River Transit will be paying us for the advertising of use of our right of way. Clerk Cordova stated no, we pay Snake River Transit \$15,000 a year and they want to run all advertising through the Argus Observer.

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Ladley to recommend to City Council to not allow advertising on the Snake River Transit benches.

After a unanimous voice vote by the Commission, the motion CARRIED.

## **B. Building Code Changes/Update**

Clerk Cordova stated that these are just for your information and we feel that these will be the ones that are going to get the most grumbling over.

## **C. No new off Premise Sign**

Clerk Cordova stated that we currently do not allow off premise advertising or non-accessory signs, but the code defines it as being allowed as long as it is smaller than 4'x8' sign. We have not been allowing it because item d in our code states there are no new off premise advertising. Noah Rae now has a new off premise sign advertising the sheds he now has on his property. Noah Rae stated that the sign is less than 4'x8' and we are going to keep it. My question is do we want to change the existing code or do you want signs all down HWY 95. State of Idaho says you cannot have a sign that is on a vacant piece of property, so because Noah does not have a business on his property that has been in operation for 6 months, he will have to take it down. Clerk Cordova asked if we want to allow 4'x8' signs throughout the town. Commissioner Hanigan stated as a business owner I am torn about this issue because I would love to be able to advertise my business more, but I do not want to drive down the road and see signs plastered everywhere. Clerk Cordova stated that the intention was to not allow any new off premise advertising.

A motion was made by Franklin and seconded by Hanigan to make a recommendation to City Council that we amend Payette City Code section 15.28.070 item A deleting the end of the paragraph that reads "and are of a size being four feet by eight feet (4'x8') or larger."

After a unanimous voice vote by the Commission, the motion CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Franklin and seconded by Hanigan to adjourn to at 7:25 PM.

The motion CARRIED.

Recording Secretary  
Tiffany Howell