

MINUTES
PAYETTE PLANNING & ZONING
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2015

6:00 PM – Regular Meeting

- I. ROLL CALL: Jim Franklin, Jody Henderson, Nial Bradshaw, Gary Youngberg and Peggy Childers
Members Absent: Chairman Randy Choate
Staff Present: Mary Cordova and Matea Gabiola

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. 11-19-2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Henderson and seconded by Bradshaw to approve the Regular Meeting minutes 11-19-2015 as written.

The motion CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Kevin Hanigan's Letter of Resignation

IV. AGENDA ITEMS.

A. Animal Zoning Codes- Mr. Franklin asked Ms. Cordova if she would elaborate on this agenda item. Ms. Cordova stated in the City of Nampa and Caldwell they have Animal Zoning codes. The main reason for this is because we have so many requests for common animals on land with property, and the Planning & Zoning Commission approves the CUP. Ms. Cordova stated by adding an Animal Zoning code for certain zones, most likely B- Residential would allow for the one horse, one cow and calf, or three sheep with an administrative permit. Also with A- Residential Zone being the most restrictive zone, maybe we still don't allow it or potentially think about allowing it. Ms. Cordova pointed out two potential items that can be placed into the code. Restrictions on where a run, stall, or holding pen of an animal could be placed on the property. Ms. Cordova asked if the Planning & Zoning Commission would like to put anything in there about potbellied pigs. In Nampa you could have up to two pigs if you have one dog. Meaning each potbellied pig would count as one dog. Mr. Franklin asked what brought this up, was this City Council. Ms. Cordova also stated where the City is placing restrictions on the type of animals that we don't want to have in City limits, and we want to protect the safety of our citizens' maybe we should discuss if we should put a vicious dog ordinance in there as well. The City Council is very firm on prohibiting Pitbull's within City limits. Ms. Cordova stated the experts state that those types of dogs have a propensity to be more aggressive in heavy residential areas. Mr. Franklin stated this makes complete sense to him with some personal experiences, and it is common sense if they are in the correct residential zone and want to have animals and have the proper land it's no big deal. Ms. Cordova stated that we can make a whole separate section for Animal Zoning Regulations, which wouldn't go into the Animal Controlled section of the code. This is a whole separate chapter that is not in zoning. This section has to do with land use and if you're going to allow horses and cows in a B- Residential, how do you want to see the land used for that type of

residential setting. Ms. Henderson stated she knew of a lawsuit regarding discrimination of certain breeds. Ms. Cordova stated there was a suit filed against Fruitland and Payette against discrimination of a certain breeds because our ordinances are similar, but it has since been dismissed. Mr. Youngberg said if they created these regulations would the people who already have animals be grandfathered in. Mr. Franklin asked Ms. Cordova what the Planning & Zoning Commissions next step would be. Ms. Cordova stated that the City can write a draft and present it at the next Planning & Zoning meeting in January 2016.

- B. 2016 Planning & Zoning Meetings – Changed the May 26th to May 19th due to graduation conflict.

A motion was made by Childers and seconded by Henderson to approve meeting dates with the change from May 26th to May 19th due to a graduation conflict.

The motion CARRIED by unanimous voice vote.

- C. Planning & Zoning Commissioner Terms - Ms. Cordova wanted to discuss having shorter terms. Currently each member has a term of six years. In the packet was the City code as well as the State code regarding terms. It varies from town to town. She hasn't seen three year terms, but she has seen four year terms. Mr. Bradshaw said that having six years is great for serving the community, but that is a long time. Mr. Bradshaw asked if it is tough to fill positions. Ms. Henderson stating that shorting the term would be a good idea. Ms. Cordova stated that even though six years may seem like a lot, it does take a while for one to learn and become familiar with all the ordinances and comprehensives plans. It would take a public hearing and an ordinance change to reduce the years in a term.

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
None heard

- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Matea Gabiola
Recording Secretary