

City of Garnett Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes

April 17, 2018

Introduction

The meeting of the Garnet Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Beth Mersman at 6:00pm April 17, 2018. The following members were present: Gary Giczewski (Zoning Administrator), Beth Mersman (Chairperson), Burt Peterson, Skip Landis, and Matt Jones. Absent members were as follow: Mike Norman, Adam Caylor, and Les Thomas. Resident in attendance: Lisa VanNorman.

Approval of Minutes:

January 16, 2018 Minutes was motioned to be approved as written by Skip Landis and seconded by Burt Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen to be Heard:

Citizen Lisa VanNorman requested a special use permit for her property at 515 East. 4th Avenue. According to Gary, Lisa wishes to formulate a rescue station for stray cats called the Savior Animal Rescue. Lisa provided input from two neighbors. Both neighbors had positive feedback regarding the initiative. The mission and goals are to resolve the cat issue in Garnett, Kansas. The adoption of cats or harboring of cats is not allowed in the district she lives in. However, Lisa is asking for a special use permit to start a rescue shelter. She will be taking all cats to the vet for health checkups, vaccinations and medical attention. The Savior Animal Rescue will be accruing all cost for the business and it is up to the rescue to obtain funding. Citizen Lisa VanNorman special use permit was heard. The permit approval was tabled to gain better knowledge of procedures, obtain a viable plan and post a public notice in the local newspapers. Motion to table was made by Skip Landis and seconded by Burt Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Old business:

- Gary Giczewski (Zoning) provided information regarding the floodplain mapping. Floodplain mapping will take until 2020 to have the map approved. Gary will let everyone know when the surveyors come to Garnett to help with the floodplain mapping. The assessment of Garnett will be between now and 2019. Beth Mersman made comments of homes being assessed in the floodplain and the same properties later being deemed outside of the floodplain. All commissioners made comments regarding their experiences with homes that had issues with water damage. New mapping will hopefully resolve that inconsistency and have newly defined floodplain areas.

- Gary Giczewski (Zoning) provided information regarding ISO. The City Commissioners are looking to adopt 2018 building codes. Insurance rates will not move if we do not do anything. This only affects new buildings and new additions. If your home or commercial structure is built to the 2018 code, you may contact your insurance carrier to evaluate your rate for possible discount.
- Gary Giczewski (Zoning) provided information regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan. The maps that have been found have been hand drawn and not exactly current. However, new maps are a work in progress.

New Business

- Planning commissioners Mike Norman, Burt Peterson, and Matt Jones terms have expired. After discussion of their agreeing to remain committed to the interests of our community the fore mentioned commissioners were then approved for another term. Motioned by Skip Landis and seconded by Beth Mersman, motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Burt Peterson requested the Tuesday's sale barn auction at N. Maple and Park Rd. parking situation be addressed for the safety of pedestrians and vehicles. Requesting vehicles be parked with a greater setback from the roadway for an improved sight triangle at that intersection.
- The Commissioners discussed the issue of bare steel gas lines that still exist within the City, and how the Gas Department is going to address those which still need to be replaced now that the suggested replacement deadline date of January 1, 2018 has passed.

Citizen to be heard: None

Meeting adjourn: 6:45pm