

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building on May 13, 2019 at 5:15 pm.

PRESENT: Chairman-Cameron Wolfe, Vice-Chairperson Kimberly Austin, Jim Barker, Ben Reedy Planning Commission Members; Town Manager/Zoning Administrator Bill Rush, Assistant Town Manager/ Town Engineer Cecil Hicks, Deputy Town Clerk Anita Catron, Town Attorney Mark Fenyk, Police Chief John Clair.

ABSENT: Bob Ramsey, Trey White and Alice Freeman.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mr. Hicks rendered the invocation.

VISITORS: None

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: The meeting was called to order, and with 4 voting members present, the Commission has a quorum.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Reedy, seconded by Mrs. Austin and vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting April 8, 2019 were approved as written. Messrs Wolfe, Barker, Austin, and Reedy voted affirmatively.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: No Report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: No Report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: No Report.

Chairman Wolfe turned the meeting to Mr. Rush.

Mr. Rush informed members he was going to change the order of items for discussion listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST- 226 W COYNER AVENUE- DIANE ROBERTS: Mr. Rush shared this request with members for informational purposes only, stating the request was set to go before council. He feels there may be more of these requests as more people are doing home-based businesses. He would like for members to study on these and offer guidance to council. Members discussed the guidelines for Special Use Permits.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Rush discussed the progress that has been made. Sergeant Billings, Code Enforcement Officer, has visited the downtown businesses and notified them the town is now offering commercial garbage pick-up in the area, and cost is based on the amount of garbage for pick up. He has also made progress with ensuring everyone knows about and are starting to comply with the ordinance for dumpster enclosures.

DISCUSSION ON ANIMALS IN TOWN: Mr. Rush informed members of a new state law that will be in effect July 1, 2019 regarding dogs at large and running in packs. Noting also that hunting dogs are exempt from this law. There will be a penalty of no more than \$100.00 placed on owners that allow this. He informed members they will need to think through ways to integrate this into the town zoning.

He noted there have been several complaints concerning feral cats. This item has come before council and has been referred to the Ordinance Committee. Mr. Barker, a member of that committee, asks for help from Planning Commission Members. He requests they read and study the best ways to handle this issue. There are no laws to govern this on the state or local level, so there is no way for enforcement. Members discussed what may or may not be acceptable for various reasons.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD): Mr. Rush reviewed with members the discussion from last meeting pertaining to PUD's (Planned Unit Development) for Callen Drive, and informed them there is now the potential for at least 3 more of these type housing projects. There are currently no guidelines in the town zoning for this. Members were given a copy of how another location has dealt with this and Mr. Rush suggested they might use this as a starting point. A discussion ensued regarding the many

factors for consideration with planning guidelines for these homes. There needs to be structure that works for everyone. He would like for all members to study on this item and would like a draft to be in place by the end of this year. Mr. Rush will send e-mails as he continues to work on this also.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR ADDITIONS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Mr. Reedy, seconded by Mrs. Austin and a vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Chairman

Secretary