

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on May 8, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Vice Chairperson Kimberly Austin, Bob Ramsey, Jim Barker, Trey White. Planning Commissions Members; Director of Engineering/IT/Zoning Administrator Todd Long, Town Attorney Mark Fenyk and Deputy Clerk Paula Null.

**ABSENT:** Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Ben Reedy and Alice Freeman

**VISITORS:** Charles Wassum and Bill Weaver

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairperson Kimberly Austin

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

**AGENDA:** Upon motion of Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, the agenda was approved as distributed.

**MINUTES:** Upon motion of Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. White and a vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, minutes of the meeting on April 10, 2023 were approved as written. Messrs Austin, White, Ramsey and Barker voted affirmatively.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**BAUD PROJECT:** There have been six blighted properties torn down at this point. Demos will likely begin on Church Street next.

**REVISION AND RECODIFICATION OF ZONING LAWS:** Kevin and Michelle McCready has put in a request to rezone 225 Park Blvd. from commercial to residential. Colton Smith has put in a request for a special use permit to put a hair salon in the back of the residence at 411 ½ College Street. There will be public hearings for both on June 5, 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Long continued going through the town codes, discussing each code starting with salons and ending with general personal services. The question of why would special use permits be needed with short term and long term rentals. In the current verbiage special use permits are not needed on long term rentals. Mr. Long mentioned removing the special use permit for both long term and short term rentals. It was discussed that CBD, Cannabis and THC Sales should tie in with adult zones under Alternative Retail. Vice Chairperson Austin suggested we define child care facilities a little better. Community buildings should be left in “R” zone with the option of special use permit. Commercial and Industrial could possibly have chemicals that are unsafe for residents so they will stay the same. All Planning Commission members present were ok with the property maintenance efforts.

Upon motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and a vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary