

CITY OF VERGAS PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 22, 2021

6:00 pm

Event Center & Zoom Meeting

The City of Vergas Planning Commission was held on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 6:00 pm for a hybrid meeting with the following members present: Van Bruhn, Robert Jacoby, Neil Wothe and Paul Pinke. Absent: Bruce Albright. Also present: Clerk- Treasurer Julie Lammers and Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane.

Lammers (Jacoby attended by zoom and asked Lammers to facilitate the meeting) opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. December meeting was added, and the October 25 minutes were removed from the agenda.

Status of Council Recommendations

The nuisance letter to the property with the trailer house and loader was approved by Council to have attorney send letter.

Construction Permits

Motion by Bruhn, seconded by Pinke to approve construction permit for 407 Sunset Strip to replace entry door. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

A nuisance property at 350 Pelican Ave needs to be inspected before moving. No other properties were discussed.

Commissioners discussed the grass ordinance provided by Bruce Albright. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Bruhn to recommend to Council to approve the provided grass ordinance as provided. Motion passed unanimously.

The Engineer Scott Kolbinger has provided right of way needs to dedicate Townline Road with 33' of Right of Way on each side of the section line. Kolbinger's memo used \$2,900 per acre for Ag Homestead and Ag Commercial, \$0.28 per square foot (square feet) for Residential Non-Homestead and \$0.45 per square feet for Residential Homestead. All this information has been forwarded to the attorney for preparation of the necessary easements from each landowner. The payment rates and procedures are consistent with past practices used by the City to acquire road Right of Way. Lammers will contact landowners after receiving easement information from the attorney. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Bruhn to purchase easement at the price provided by engineer. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Vergas snowmobile ordinance was discussed as we have had issues regarding snowmobiles riding on boulevard. There are items in ordinance discussing requirements of snowmobiles that would be difficult to enforce and there is not a need for items. Discussed routes and the need for review as there have been many land changes. Bruhn and DuFrane will look at current routes and changes that need to be made. Current snowmobile maps will be provided to them (and Planning Commission members) before they review. DuFrane is a member of the Ultra Snowmobile Club (trails on the Long Lake side of town) and Lammers is member of the Lake Runners Trail Association (trails along Pelican Avenue and along Glen Street). Commissioners will review ordinance for the January meeting.

Planning Commission will not hold a December meeting. Planning Commission will meet again on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Neil Wothe's term is fulfilled at the end of December, and he agreed to another term. Thank you, Wothe, for serving another term.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Secretary,
Julie Lammers, Vergas City Clerk-Treasurer

Follow Up Actions:

Lammers contacts the county regarding building by the lake.

DuFrane and Bruhn to review snowmobile routes in Vergas and Commissioners to review the ordinance.

Council recommendations:

Purchase easements for price recommended by the City Engineering Scott Kolbinger.

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