



## **LOUISBURG PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday February 28, 2018**

The Planning Commission of the City of Louisburg, Kansas met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with Chairperson Andy Sauber presiding.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Commission Members: Sandy Harris, Michael Sharp, Les Page, Brandon Fosbinder, Nate Apple, George Bazin and Rick Phillips  
Mayor: Marty Southard  
City Administrator: Nathan Law  
City Staff: Jean Carder  
Recording Secretary: Rusty Whitham  
Visitors: Carrie McCrea and Amy Bramble

### **ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

### **ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Les Page to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Brandon Fosbinder. Motion passed 8-0.

### **ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Nate Apple to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Brandon Fosbinder. Motion passed 4-0. The following commission members abstained; Les Page, George Bazin, Michael Sharp, and Rick Phillips.

**ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Persons who wish to address the Planning Commission regarding items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Any presentation is for information purposes only.

None

## **PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS ITEMS:**

Prior to the discussion of official business, Andy Sauber introduced George Bazin and Michael Sharp as the newest members to the Planning Commission.

**Item 5:** None

## **NON-PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Item 6:** Discussion concerning front yard fence requirements as specified in Section 611, paragraph E, of the 2010 Zoning Regulations.

After some discussion Nathan Law mentioned that any fence allowed in the front yard shall not impede public works employees from gaining access to utilities such as gas and water meters.

Brandon Fosbinder was somewhat apprehensive to allow fences in the front yard. He was concerned that people would keep their dogs in the front yard and some of those dogs would be aggressive towards pedestrians walking on the sidewalk. This situation would be intensified with shorter fences that are 34" or less in height.

Less Page asked staff to reach out to local fence companies to determine what height of fences are common in front yards. It was also suggested that Staff contact local municipalities and find out what is allowed in our area.

Brandon Fosbinder made a motion to table this discussion until further research by Staff is done. The motion was seconded by George Bazin. The motion passed 8-0.

**Item 7:** Discussion about the February 8, 2018 Staff meeting with business owners concerning the Sign Regulations. Staff will present recommendations from business owners on how to improve the Sign Regulations.

A discussion concerning wayfinding signs occurred. It was mentioned that Staff has reached out to Luminous Neon Sign Company from Olathe to design a wayfinding sign that will be placed on the Westside of town along 68 Highway. The intent of this sign is to direct traffic eastbound towards the historic downtown district and along the entire length of Amity. It was suggested that people aren't aware of the businesses located on the eastside of town. The purposed sign will be general in nature and will not advertise a specific business or company. A few suggestions concerning possible locations of this sign were discussed. It was stated since this sign will be placed in the right-of-way along Amity the location must approved by KDOT. Staff should have a proposal of this wayfinding sign for next month's meeting.

A motion to table this discussion until a wayfinding sign proposal is complete was made by Nate Apple. The motion was seconded by Brandon Fosbinder. The motion passed 8-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Any old business the Commission may wish to discuss

**Item 8:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 10:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Item 11:** None

**Item 12: ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Sandy Harris to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Brandon Fosbinder. The motion passed 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

**Submitted by Rusty Whitham**