



LOUISBURG PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday November 14, 2018

****SPECIAL CALL MEETING****

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:

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| Commission Members: | Michael Sharp, Les Page, Chad Rowe and Brandon Fosbinder |
| Staff: | Jean Carder |
| City Council: | Kalee Smith |
| Recording Secretary: | Rusty Whitham |
| Visitors: | None |

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Brandon Fosbinder to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Les Page. Motion passed 5-0.

NON-PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS ITEMS:

Item 3: 18001-TXA - Text Amendment to Article 6, Supplementary Districts Regulations, Section 611, Fences, amending paragraph G and adding paragraphs M and N. This item will be discussed again by Planning Commission to consider additional recommendations made by the City Council during their meeting held on November 5, 2018.

City Council Member Kalee Smith explained that the Governing Body had some concerns about the agricultural aspects of the proposed text amendment. It was the feeling of the Governing Body that Agricultural Properties should not be excluded from installing agricultural fencing in any way. It was the opinion of the Governing Body that agricultural property owners should be allowed to install agricultural fencing such as barb wire regardless of proximity of residential homes. It was mentioned that the use of barb wire should not be limited to contain just livestock. Councilmember Smith stated that if a property owner wishes to have horses on their property and use barb wire to contain them, they should be allowed to do that. It was noted by the Planning Commission that there are only a handful of agricultural zoned properties within the city limits.

Jean Carder mentioned that the Kelly Stohs (City Attorney) suggested during the city council meeting that there should be some kind of statement included in the text amendment allowing additional types of fencing material not previously listed in the amendment. The intent of this statement is to provide an opportunity for property owners to install unique style fencing using different materials that are suitable for our community. It was noted that fencing materials and technologies continuously change as time passes. Including a simple statement allowing property owners the flexibility to install unique but suitable fencing could be warranted.

Members of the Planning Commission briefly discussed the proposed text amendment. The following changes to the text amendment were suggested:

Paragraph G shall be amended to read as:

All fences shall be constructed with the support posts and vertical or horizontal support members located on the inside perimeter of the fence. Only approved fencing materials shall be used as support posts. Fences shall be continuous using like materials throughout. Workmanship shall have a professional appearance and shall not create blight within the surrounding area.

Paragraph M shall be added and read as:

*Perimeter fences shall have permanently anchored support posts. Fence panels shall be constructed using the following materials: Concrete Masonry Blocks, Chain link, Pre-fabricated Composite Plastic Fencing, Wood (picket or privacy fencing), Aluminum or Wrought Iron pre-engineered fencing. **Additional fencing materials shall be considered by the City Staff and/or Planning Commission upon request.** Perimeter fences shall not be built with agricultural material or fencing such as barb wire, chicken or hog wire. ~~Agricultural fencing may be used to contain livestock as long as residential homes are not adjacent to agricultural property and upon approval of the Planning Commission.~~ **Agricultural fencing materials may be used on properties zoned within Agricultural Zoning Districts. Temporary fencing material shall not be used in any zoning district as a substitute for permanent fencing.***

Paragraph N shall be added and read as:

Above-ground electrical fencing shall not be allowed in any Zoning District. Below-grade electrical dog fencing shall be allowed in all Zoning Districts upon issuance of a permit.

After a brief discussion Brandon Fosbinder made a motion recommending approval of the above mentioned changes to the text amendment. Michael Sharp seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

This text amendment with Planning Commission recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for additional discussion and consideration. This item will be presented to the Governing Body on November 19, 2018.

Item 4: ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Brandon Fosbinder to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Chad Rowe The motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:47p.m.

Submitted by Rusty Whitham