

City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday July 16th, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Roger Cain, Randy Cropp, Jeff Hallock, Liz Hiemstra, Mark Herman, and Karly Spell.

Also, Present: City Manager Darin DeHaan, City Clerk Cheryl Hilton, and Mayor Ken Williams.

Absent: Rick Ryland.

Chairman Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

Karly Spell moved to approve the June 18th, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Mark Herman moved to Set a Public Hearing date of August 20th, 2024 for a Special Use request for a Short-Term Rental – Cornerstone Construction – 114 River Road, Oregon – Parcel #16-03-251-001, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the unit will be unoccupied until the City Council approves the Short-Term Rental. Liz Hiemstra asked if there was a limit on the number of short-term rentals that would be allowed. City Manager Darin DeHaan stated that all short-term rental requests will be presented to the Planning Commission for review. He said some locations have not renewed their license. Roger Cain said the owners of this property began construction and advertising of the location before they held permits or licenses. He asked if they will be held accountable. City Manager Darin DeHaan said there are fees for offenders of the permitting requirements. Mayor Ken Williams said they can not rent the unit and need to follow the guidelines that have been set.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Review Ordinance 2024-008 Solicitation: City Manager Darin DeHaan said after receiving complaints from residents, he began looking at amending the solicitation ordinance. The changes include the times allowed to solicit, fee increases, a physical identifier, strengthening the permit application to include background checks, and built in penalties for solicitors that violate the ordinance as well as language to help the Police Department enforce and protect the citizens from violators. Roger Cain suggested having a “cliff notes” version of the ordinance to hand out to solicitors. Liz Hiemstra thought this would also be beneficial for residents, so they are informed as well.

Randy Cropp moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm, Seconded by Karly Spell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk