

City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday September 17th, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

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

Absent: Roger Cain and Rick Ryland.

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

Chairman Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

Karly Spell moved to approve the August 20th, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Randy Cropp.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Mark Herman moved to set a date of October 15th, 2024 for a Public Hearing regarding a Variance Request of the sign ordinance submitted by Lou Vanderwyst – Conover Square Mall – 201 N 3rd Street, Oregon – Parcel #16-03-176-009, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Discussion: The request is due to the size of the sign being beyond the allowable dimensions.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Review and Recommend changes to the Oregon Brush Collection Program: City Manager Darin DeHaan said residents are having large trees and brush removed from their property and then putting the remnants on the terrace for collection. The brush pick-up program was not intended to remove large-scale tree trimming, logs, tree stumps, and long branches. He asked the Planning Commission for recommendations. He said he would like to see the brush guidelines specify branches/brush that is less than five inches in diameter. They also discussed length requirements, storm pickups, pickup timing, and resident communication. The Planning Commission agreed with the suggestions made and recommended they be discussed with the City Council.

Other business: City Manager Darin DeHaan said he sent out information regarding the Poverty Simulation and he appreciates everyone who has already reached out. He also said if anyone would like to go to a different location to participate, he will help facilitate the process. He is also working on an Economic Development workshop. He has invited an expert in the field to speak to the economic development committee in October.

Mark Herman moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 pm, Seconded by Randy Cropp.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk