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Call To Order

Chairman Davisson called the meeting of the Omak Planning Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. with a quorum present.

Commissioners & Staff Present

Barry Hansen

Patrick "Jake" Dalton, Building Official

Pat Davisson, Chair

Kurt Danison, Contract Planner

Erin Mundinger, Vice Chair

Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk

Stacey Okland

Anne Potter - absent

Sheila Harrison

Approval of April 5, 2017 Minutes

Commissioner Mundinger moved, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, to approve the April 5, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing-Rezoning of 213 Benton Street

Commissioner Chairman Pat Davisson read opening statement and asked commissioners if

Zoning Code Provisions Related to Cannabis

Contract Planner Kurt Danison reminded the Planning Commission about the passage of Initiative 502 legalizing marijuana in the state of Washington. At that time, the Planning Commission reviewed the current zoning code to include verbiage that reads "no use that is illegal under local, state or federal law shall be allowed in any zone within the city". Since that time, the Liquor Cannabis Board has issued two licenses to retail marijuana stores in the City of Omak. The second store will open soon. The city has never issued a business license and also chose not to pursue litigation because of the potential expense to the city. Mr. Danison provided the Commissioners with regulations from the Town of Waterville to review. City Administrator McDaniel told the Commissioners that Attorney Howe recommends the city wait to see what the new administration at the federal level is going to do.

RV Park Development Standards

Contract Planner, Kurt Danison shared with the Commission the Recreation Vehicle Parks regulations from Bridgeport. The reason for this is that a property owner inquired about constructing a RV Park on his vacant lot. Staff noticed that the City of Omak does not have any standards in the zoning code for this type of use. He also explained that the city had a request to place a storage container on a lot and because this would have been an accessory unit, the customer was unable to do so. The Planning Commission should also consider regulations as they pertain to containers and storage containers. Contract Planner Danison suggested the May agenda include a public meeting with the agenda items being cannabis and RV park standards. The Commissioners agreed.

Other Business

Contract Planner, Kurt Danison updated the Planning Commission on the Shoreline Master Program they finish about a year ago. The Department of Ecology has completed the 60 day review

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and Mr. Danison anticipates they will hold a public hearing in Yakima. He also told the Commission about a group that is working on a housing conference through the Economic Development. This group is trying to provide affordable housing for moderate income earners like a new teacher or nurse that may have difficulties buying a home in our area, within their price range.

Building Official Dalton told the Commission that construction of 5 new single family dwellings will begin in the spring.

City Administrator McDaniel updated the Commission on the progress of the Department of Natural Resource Facility at the airport. He explained that from the beginning, this was an ambitious project as they came to the city in June of 2016 anticipating a completion date of June 2017. The project has produced a potential water source that could be equipped in the future. At this time, the project is on hold. He said the city has just approved a lease with Mark Christoph to build a hangar at the airport. The lease is contingent on plan review and approval from the Building Department. Because there is no fire flow at the airport, the city is requiring the hangar to have a fire monitoring system.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

SIGNED:

Pat Davisson, Chairman

Connie Thomas, City Clerk