

June 7, 2017
OMAK PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

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-absent	Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk
Stacey Okland	
Anne Potter	
Sheila Harrison	

Approval of April 5, 2017 Minutes

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

Public Hearing-Rezoning of 213 Benton Street

Chairman Davisson opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 for a zone change request at 213 Benton Street, from Residential Multi-family to Highway Business. Chairwoman Davisson recited the hearing disclaimer and the Commissioners agreed.

Tom Hageman co-owner of 213 Benton was present.

Mr. Danison, Contract Planner, asked if any of the Commissioners had any exparte communication regarding the issue before them this evening with the members declaring in the negative. Jake Dalton, Building Official read the staff report pertaining to the property. Tom Hageman, co-owner explained the plan for the addition of an attached vehicle/equipment open sided parking structure and a new perimeter fence. Commissioner Hansen asked regarding dust in the area, Mr. Hageman explained there will no on site concrete cutting.

Mr. Danison then asked for further questions or comments from the board and after receiving none. Chairperson Davisson called for a vote.

Commissioner Hansen moved, seconded by Commissioner Potter to send the zone change request back to City Council with Planning Commissioners recommendation for approval. Motion carried

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:21 P.M.

Annexation Discussion

Nancy Nash-Mendez Executive Director of Housing Authority of Okanogan County and Suzanne Obermeyer housing development specialist of Office of Rural and Farmworker housing presented the potential annexation into the City for low income housing for the community. The proposed annexation would house 44-46 dwellings. They are asking the Council for approval to annex the property into the City. After discussion the Planning Commissioners agreed this would be a great asset to the community and City.

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Commissioner Harrison moved, seconded by Commissioner Hansen to recommend to council annexing property into the city for low income housing to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

RV Park Zoning Discussion

Kurt Danison, Planning Contract Planner recommended to Commissioners to visit updating the codes and zoning regarding RV parks and storage containers within the City. He feels our codes are outdated and finds many people are moving into RV's as a permanent residence, and explained proper sanitation is usually not being used as with storage containers he feels it's a trend to make them in to tiny homes or use for storage. He suggests to the Commissioners to look at zoning and codes of nearby cities to update our own. Commissioners agreed, it was time to do this project.

Other Business

The City wide clean up took place on Saturday, June 3rd. Commissioner Stacy Okland attended/helped and thought it was a huge success, Jake and Kurt also attended and helped and agreed that it was a success.

Mr. Danison updated Commissioners on the Shoreline Master program, after eleven years of work it has finally been approved.

Mr. Dalton updated Commissioners on projects within the City. Sunopta is adding a 14000sq ft. warehouse/cold storage, Chickpea business is thriving and production is expanding, Dairy Queen will be starting a remodel soon, the Stampede Museum is near completion and we have four family dwellings with a fifth in the near future.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

SIGNED:

Pat Davisson, Chairman

Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk