

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF AMITY, OR

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the City of Amity Planning Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon, and by Zoom phone and video conferencing platform.

Members Present:

Steve Ruyle (Commissioner), Mackenzie Davis (Commissioner), Rob Kistler (Commissioner) and Ryan Jones (Chairman)

Members Absent:

Courtne Belanger (Commissioner)

Staff Present:

Amber Lopez (City Clerk), Gary Mathis (Public Works Superintendent), Peter Olson (City Engineer), Jesse Fields (City Engineer) and Holly Byram (City Planner MWVCOG)

Guests Present:

Joshua Clark via zoom

Call to Order:

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Comments from Citizens

Chair Jones asked for comments from citizens. There were none.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business:

A. Work Session: Overview of the City's infrastructure and development review procedures provided by Public Works and City Engineer:

City Engineer Peter Olson introduced himself and staff Jesse Fields. He explained when they review planning files, what they look for to base their decision on and their comments on. He went through all the different facility plans, what they look at, and what it all entails.

Commissioner Davis asked for more clarification on if the City has a good handle on our sewer system. City Engineer Olson explained further on the City's sewer system. Citizen Clark asked when the wastewater study was done and if the City could get a new one. City Engineer Olson said the last one was done in 2001, and the City is currently working on getting an updated one now.

Commissioner Kistler asked about the System Development Charges and if they go into the general fund. City Engineer said the funds are set aside and they are protected. He explained what some of the funds can be spent on.

Commissioner Kistler asked about the system capacity and how many more residents can connect to our system. City Engineer Olson explained this is why the study is being done.

Commissioner Kistler asked some questions regarding the grant and the water project. City Engineer answered his questions regarding this. Commissioner Kistler asked if there is a plan to replace the pipes and how many pipes get patched a year due to leaks. City Engineer and Public Works answered his questions regarding the pipes.

Commissioner Kistler asked about the streets and if there is a plan to fix more roads. City Engineer Olson answered his questions.

Commissioner Kistler asked if there is going to be more parks added to the City. Public Works Mathis explained there is a plan to expand the one that the City has. Commissioner Kistler asked about if land was donated and what the city would do. Public Works Mathis explained.

Commissioner Kistler asked about upgrading infrastructure on the south side of town. City Engineer Olson explained the cost and what it all entails. He is planning on having a meeting with the City to discuss growth in the city.

Commissioner Kistler asked if the improvement to the water system will help the quality of the City's water. Public Works Mathis explained what the plan is and with all the upgrades and maintenance is still not going to help with all the customers that have old pipes and plumbing in their houses. City Engineer Olson explained further regarding the system and pipes.

Chair Jones asked when the City flushes the system where does the water go. Public Works Mathis explained what happens when they flush.

Next Meeting Date:

Chair Jones set the next meeting to December 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm, and the Commission all agreed to the meeting.

Adjournment:

Chair Jones adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Johnson, City Recorder

Attested

Ryan Jones, Chair