

ORIGINAL



**PLANNING & ZONING MEETING
Minutes of March 19, 2019**

Chairperson Dave Hart opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the above date, with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members answering roll call:

Present:	Dave Hart, Chair	Sonny Markus	Ron Johnson
	Nick Reitman	Randy Nehus	Steven Shinkle
Absent:	Tom Wheeler		

Also Present: Stephanie Tarter, Admin. Clerk Carol Hofstetter, Zoning Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, 2019

MOTION: Steven Shinkle made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2019, seconded by Nick Reitman. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1, Mr. Hart abstaining.

VISITORS AND GUESTS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning and Sign Ordinance Changes: Ms. Hofstetter provided the commission with a packet of ordinances from surrounding cities (see attachment). Ms. Hofstetter highlighted some areas in the packet. It was pointed out that currently, horses can be found in some residential areas in the city along with goats and sheep. Cold Spring's ordinance pertaining to the keeping of cattle and other livestock required one (1) acre of land for every one-thousand-pound (1000) unit of livestock.

Mr. Nehus wanted to know what direction the City should go in regards to horses, sheep, donkeys and goats. In the residential areas, horses, sheep, donkeys and goats should be disallowed. If someone currently has one of those animals, the City cannot force them to get rid of them, they would then fall under non-conforming use. The other problem is some people class the animals listed above, along with pot belly pigs, as pets and you can't class an animal as livestock if the owner classes them as a pet. If something is put on the books now, it would deter any future use. Mr. Nehus was concerned that as the ordinance currently stands, someone in his subdivision could not only have goats but also have horses or donkeys. Also the City has a limit on the number of chickens that a homeowner can have, but there is no limit on the number of pets they can have. The question was posed on how and who would monitor if someone has gone over the allowed number of pets. The commission liked the pound/acre ratio of Cold Spring because there are not a lot of properties within the city limits that are more than 5 acres.

Mr. Reitman suggested putting verbiage into the subdivision regulations that disallows the homeowner to have horses, donkeys and the like on the property within the subdivision.

Overall the commission liked the verbiage and regulations put forth in Cold Spring's ordinance, since it covers multiple areas including the buildings that would need to be used with having livestock on the property. Should the City say building and or pens to make sure that homeowners don't try to find a loophole? Our current regulations allow only one accessory building per lot within the city limits.

Ms. Hofstetter will reach out to Mike Duncan to put a limit on pets in the subdivision regulations and also to let him know that the city would like to work with the ordinance from Cold Spring to come up with something for the City. It was suggested to make it a 2-acre minimum for the livestock, but it was unsure of the number of lots that are 2 acres or more.

Mike Duncan is working on the wording on the sign ordinance.

Sonny Markus pointed out that it will be really hard for the city to regulate sidewalk sales and eyesores, when the garage next to Spare Time looks like it does. The owner has cleaned it up some but the Code Enforcement Officer will stop by when the owner allows things to get out of hand. They are currently not violating any ordinances so there is nothing the city can do.

There have been rumors about an Aldi coming in at the old County Market location, but nothing has been submitted and the owner of the shopping center has not heard anything either.

INTERNAL BUSINESS

Treasurer Report: Randy Nehus presented the Treasurer's Report for March 19, 2019:

Beginning Balance	\$12,546.45	
Receipts	+435.00	Final Plat approval of Eaton Subdivision; Cellis & Viola Eaton
	+4509.00	Improvement Plat approval for Arcadia Blvd & Ridgecrest Way; Drees
Expenses	- 611.00	Ziegler & Schneider Inv #218
	- 36.75	Priority Dispatch #1116337
	-967.00	CT Consultants Inv #190283-1
End Balance	\$15,875.70	

MOTION: Sonny Markus made a motion to pay invoices, seconded by Nick Reitman. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1, Mr. Hart abstaining.


MOTION: Nick Reitman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated March 19, 2019, seconded by Sonny Markus. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1, Mr. Hart abstaining.

City Council Report: City Council selected Tom Baldrige to fill the vacancy left by Scott Fleckinger.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Nick Reitman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steven Shinkle. All in favor, the motion passed with a 5-0-1 vote, Mr. Hart abstaining. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Attested to and submitted by:


Jan Johannemann, City Clerk


Dave Hart, Chair

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