

Planning & Zoning Commission
March 26, 2024
12:00 PM

The planning commission members met on the above date and time in the commission chambers of Herington City Hall. In attendance were Bryan Parrish, Rhonda Rice, Joshua Lawrenz, Janet Wade, Marcus Hawkes, City Manager Thatcher Moddie, and Deputy City Clerk Chanda Wilson.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Marcus Hawkes called the meeting to order.

Joshua Lawrenz made a motion to accept the minutes of February 27, 2024 with staff corrections. Janet Wade seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Chair Marcus Hawkes opened the Public Forum and there was none.

Janet Wade made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 7A-discuss planning committee budget/Bryan Parrish seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Thatcher Moddie gave an update on the comprehensive plan. A packet with goals and strategies from the firm was included in the packet. There is a meeting scheduled for April 30th to workshop the plan and provide final input. There was a consensus among the commissioners that they will submit feedback To Thatcher by April 2 so issues can be addressed in time for the April 30 draft. Thatcher will take care of compiling comments and returning them to the commission so they can see what concerns there are.

The Commission discussed the need to complete a budget and submit it to the City Commission. Whether it is approved or not, we are documenting that there is a need for funds. A consensus was reached to address this in the future.

The commission discussed the recreational vehicle parking/storing regulations. Thatcher said we will have a draft to review at the next meeting. Discussion included points about how strict the rule should be, how these RV's affect line of sight when parked near an intersection and possible enforcement.

Commissioner Comments:

Bryan Parrish-Had a question about the form the city sent out about pipes. The purpose is to identify lead pipes. Bryan also asked if the city would come in and change pipes at the cost of the homeowner. Mr. Parrish voiced a concern about the possibility that the government might come in to change the pipes without the owner's permission and also charging the owner for it. Per Thatcher, So far, we don't know what they are doing with the information from the survey.

Rhonda Rice- None

Joshua Lawrenz-None

Janet Wade- Sat in on a Zoom meeting in March of the Flint Hills Regional Council. They are able to assist with grant writing and identifying grants that would meet needs. Keep that in mind/on our radar. There is a new EPA grant that could be used to revitalize the downtown, it's a great opportunity.

Marcus Hawkes-None

Rhonda Rice made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bryan Parrish, motion carried 5-0.



Chanda Wilson
Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer