

FAIRBURY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Meeting
January 10th, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Chairman Robert Brackle read the statement regarding the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for roll call. Other members present were: Karl Hoeting, Thayne Tatro, Cathy Kleine, Devin Lovgren, Paul Schramm.

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 3rd, 2022 Meeting. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Member Tatro made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 3rd, 2022 meeting. Member Schramm seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was: 6 - "yes" (Schramm, Tatro, Hoeting, Kleine, Brackle and Lovgren) / 0 - "no". The motion passed.

2. **Public Hearing** regarding an ordinance amending the City of Fairbury Zoning Regulations – 2013 Edition, Section 5.12 RM Mobile Home Residential District and 5.06 Land Use Categories/Matrix. Discussion; taking of any necessary or desired action.

Chairman Brackle opened the hearing at 6:31pm. Bedlan informed the commission that the owner of the only Mobile Home Park in Fairbury was aware of the hearing place and time however he is not present. Chairman Brackle closed the hearing at 6:32pm. Bedlan clarified to the commission the Mobile Home Park owners request to make amendments to Fairbury Zoning Regulations to allow for Recreational Vehicles within the park. Bedlan reviewed the request with other communities and based on that information wrote the proposed regulations to allow for RV's in the Mobile Home Park on a temporary basis. Who would potentially use the park was discussed, and it was noted that the park would likely be used by people attending events in the city park and contractors working in and around Fairbury. The enforcement was discussed and it is clarified that as with all zoning the code enforcement officer would be responsible for enforcement. She explained that there is a procedure for temporary permits that would allow her to track the amount of time these vehicles are in the park and notify Dan for enforcement. The commission would like it clarified that the permit is specific to the vehicle and the park as a whole and not for each site in the park. Numbers of Structures currently in the park was discussed. It was noted that permits can be issued immediately during working hours and that the code requirements are for the park, RV's won't be inspected. The commission suggest that there be a requirement for the permit to be visible and to have the VIN number listed on it so that the code ordinance officer can clearly see it. The commission discussed the time frame allowed for the temporary permit and suggested instead six months total within a 12-month period. The requirement for landscaping and a storm shelter is discussed. It is noted that there has been added a proposed requirement to develop an emergency plan with Jefferson County Emergency Management similar to the RV park requirements. The commission hopes that allowing RV's at this location would help to clean it up. He commission requested staff make the proposed changes and resubmit them at the commissions next regular meeting. Member Tatro made the motion to postpone this item. Member Schramm seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was: 6 - "yes" (Schramm, Tatro, Hoeting, Kleine, Brackle and Lovgren) / 0 - "no". The motion passed

3. Comments from the public on non-agenda items.

Kleine addressed the commission members discussing her concerns regarding the health and safety of wireless communication towers and RF radiation emissions. She read a section from the example ordinance from the last meeting which addressed required signage for wireless communication towers and noted that for those reasons it is important to work with individuals that have knowledge specific to wireless communication towers. With no more comments from the public on non-agenda items member Tatro made the motion to adjourn. Member Lovgren seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was: 5 - "yes" (Tatro, Hoeting, Kleine, Brackle and Lovgren) / 1 - "no" (Schramm). The motion passed

Laura K. Bedlan
Planning Commission Secretary