

“Due to the COVID-19 crisis and social distancing recommendations, the public was offered to participate by Zoom audio internet connection or by phone.”

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on July 30, 2020 at Noon in the Council Chambers at the City Hall.

Present: Sheri Tyrrel, Phil Perkins, Debbie Davis, Brent Scheve,
Lori Stitz (via Zoom)
Absent: Mary Johnson, Russ Blenkinsop
Also Present: Recording Secretary Renee Hansen, Planning & Zoning
Administrator, Gene Gettys, Todd Argotsinger, Matt Hudson, Ken
Weber, Dar Gessert, Mike & Donna Schmidt,
Via Zoom: Mayor Mike Kolbe, City Council member Troy Schaben

Zoning Administrator Gettys called the meeting to order. It was moved by Perkins and seconded by Tyrrel to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Tyrrel and seconded by Davis to elect Scheve as chairperson and Tyrell as vice-chairperson through June 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Scheve presided over the remaining of the meeting.

Conflicts of interest are to be stated if and when applicable.

It was moved by Tyrrel and seconded by Perkins to approve the minutes from the 12/17/2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Administrator, Gettys explained the process of vacating property and that the Planning and Zoning Committee makes a recommendation to Council. He also went on to clarify the pieces that are being requested to be vacated. He showed maps of the properties, part of 3rd Street in Block 14 of Longs 2nd Addition, part of an alley in Block 14 of Longs 2nd Addition, and part of ROW on Exchange Street.

There was also clarification about the Exchange Street ROW only being narrowed to 80' if the committee did recommend this to Council.

This process would be contingent on the property being surveyed at the interested parties request.

Schmidt spoke about the property being in his family for over 15 years and that they currently take care of the property being requested.

City Attorney, Argotsinger stated the purpose of the committee is to ensure public property that is requested to be vacated serves no public purpose.

Weber, Gessert, and Hudson, all representing Harlan Municipal Utilities, stated they wanted to ensure their utility easement across the property and property already owned by the Schmidt would continue to be recognized.

It was moved by Perkins and seconded by Davis to recommend this property be vacated to the City Council.

Ayes: Tyrell, Stitz, Perkins, Davis, Scheve
Nays: None
The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned

Renee Hansen, Recording Secretary

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to approval at the next called meeting of the Commission.