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**Call to Order**

- Vice-Chairman John Thompson called to order the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at 6:43 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- John Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

- Present- Chairman Tom Scroggins, Vice-Chairman John Thompson, Secretary L. E. Rubin, Scott Adair, and Lawrence Gordon
- Present- Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair and Deputy Clerk Amy Lopez

**Approval of Agenda**

- John Thompson made the motion to approve the agenda for December 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by L. E. Rubin. Vote: Chairman Tom Scroggins - yes; Vice-Chairman John Thompson - yes; Secretary L. E. Rubin - yes; Scott Adair - yes; Lawrence Gordon - yes. With a 5-0 vote the agenda for the Planning and Zoning meeting on December 17, 2020 was approved.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2020**

- John Thompson made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2020 as amended. The motion was seconded by L. E. Rubin. Meeting Minutes for the joint meeting with City Council on for December 3, 2020 were signed. Vote: Chairman Tom Scroggins - yes; Vice-Chairman John Thompson - yes; Secretary L. E. Rubin - yes; Scott Adair - yes; Lawrence Gordon - yes. With a 5-0 vote the agenda for the Planning and Zoning meeting was approved.

**Public Comment**

- No comments were made.

**Election of Officers**

- Tom Scroggins said he does not know how many officers we need to have and what order we need to do them in.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said there are three offices: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
- Tom Scroggins asked for any nominations.
- John Thompson said that he would not mind being Chair if no one else does and nominated Scott Adair for Secretary.
- L. E. Rubin seconded the motion.
- Scott Adair agreed to be Secretary.
- Tom Scroggins said he can continue as Chair or John Thompson could be Chair and he could be vice-chair.
- Municipal Clerk Adair explained the positions.

- Tom Scroggins asked for a roll call vote to accept Tom Scroggins as Chair, John Thompson, and Scott Adair.
- L. E. Rubin made a motion to approve the positions by acclamation. Scott Adair second the motion. Vote: Chairman Tom Scroggins - yes; Vice-Chairman John Thompson - yes; Secretary L. E. Rubin - yes; Scott Adair - yes; Lawrence Gordon - yes. With a 5-0 vote the motion was approved.

### **Neighborhoods**

- John Thompson began a discussion about the neighborhood plan and how Animal Welfare will be affected by the neighborhoods. He then explained some name changes for the neighborhoods.
- Lawrence Gordon asked John Thompson to explain his plan.
- John Thompson read his neighborhood plan explaining why creating neighborhoods is important, reasons including zoning, lot sizes, roads, lighting, and neighborhood plans. He then listed the names of the proposed neighborhoods and began a discussion.
- Tom Scroggins asked if the neighborhood plan would be a resolution that is not set in stone but could be used as guidance for other areas.
- Lawrence Gordon said that is a good idea, we can use it for Planning and Zoning.
- John Thompson stated lot sizes are going to be so important to the Animal Welfare.
- Tom Scroggins said if this will be an internal thing for us than we can vote on it, we can change it without it affecting the public, and is concerned that P&Z would not have the ability to pass it City-wide.
- Lawrence Gordon said we do not have to vote on because it is just used among us.
- John Thompson said the City Council seemed to like this idea and felt that the Council was encouraging us to continue this.
- Tom Scroggins said we might have to change some of the names, some areas have large and small lots, and we might have to better define those neighborhoods and began a discussion.
- John Thompson began a discussion about maps.

### **Animal Welfare**

- Tom Scroggins said he is not sure where we are on the Animal Welfare ordinance.
- John Thompson proposed starting with what we want the result to be, maybe we want to allow chickens with no roosters, horses where space allows, it is not the number of animal but how people take care of them.
- Lawrence Gordon said even if the animals are being taken care of there needs to be a set number of animals.
- Tom Scroggins said there needs to be limits on what animals are acceptable.
- Lawrence Gordon asked if cattle and exotic animals would be allowed and began a discussion.
- Scott Adair says New Mexico does have a State law about exotic animals and endangered species with breeders permits and began a discussion.
- Lawrence Gordon asked if pigs would be allowed.
- Tom Scroggins said cattle should not be allowed and he was not sure if we should be allowing horses, but we should have a limited list of what animals are permitted.
- John Thompson said we need to consider safety to the community, welfare of animals, nuisance to neighbors and if we consider these things, we can keep the volume of regulations down.

- L. E. Rubin said if we allow one acre lots to have a horse and this horse is ridden on the street and it makes a mess on the road, who is responsible for cleaning it up; it needs to be part of the ordinance that addresses owner's responsibility.
- Lawrence Gordon recommended having something that states how often you must clean up after the animal and began a discussion.
- John Thompson said if we don't have any ideas tonight, then we should adjourn for the evening, but Council will like an update at our joint meeting in late January and would like to have made some progress.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said Council is wanting to know where you are at with the Animal Welfare and Neighborhoods on January 28, 2021 and began a discussion.
- A discussion started about animal welfare and animal waste.
- Tom Scroggins said when people move from the city to the country, they are very sensitive to the noises and smells produced by these types of animals.
- L. E. Rubin said people don't want these animals in the golf course area and continued the discussion.
- John Thompson asked if should poll the community to see what they want to allow here and began a discussion.
- Scott Adair asked what we do with existing large animals and said we can use the newsletter for the survey.
- A discussion began about covenants.
- John Thompson made a motion to insert a paragraph in the next newsletter on how the community feels about animals.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said that would have to come before the Council to say that want to see in the newsletter, the Mayor and Editor of the newsletter decide what goes in the newsletter. She then said the City can mail out a questionnaire, present that to the Council and if they agree to that, Council can go to finance to pay for the mailing and continued the discussion.
- Tom Scroggins said he would talk to the Mayor and asked John Thompson to provide him with what questions they would like to present to Council to look at.
- John Thompson said he would do that.
- Scott Adair suggested each commissioner writes a question for the survey.

### **General Discussion**

- Municipal Clerk Adair said Council will be reappointing L. E. Rubin and Scott Adair back to Planning and Zoning at the first City Council meeting in January, and we will all have to sign the ethics policy.
- L. E. Rubin said we had met with the Council and the lawyer and asked if anything has come back from the lawyer on Abatement.
- Municipal Clerk Adair said the lawyer just received the Abatement Ordinance last week and continued the discussion.
- Lawrence Gordon asked if there are any decisions about new members for P&Z.
- Tom Scroggins said he will be speaking to the Mayor about that when I speak with her.

### **Adjourn**

- L. E. Rubin motioned to adjourn and carry the neighborhood plan to the next agenda. Lawrence Gordon second the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy L. Lopez, Deputy Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:

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Thomas Scroggins, Chairman

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John Thompson, Vice-Chairman

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L. E. Rubin, Secretary

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Scott Adair

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Lawrence Gordon