

August 22, 2019 – Work Meeting

Fountain Green City Council held a work meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fountain Green City Hall, 260 W 100 N.

Attendance: Shelith Jacobson, Jerime Ivory, Rod Hansen and Larry Woodcox. Excusing Dean Peckham.

Presiding: Mayor Willard Wood

Agenda: Zoning Ordinance Violations

Mayor Wood wanted to meet with the Council to discuss the 23 zoning violations that the Planning Commission has on their list. They range from building without a permit to setback and safety violations. Mayor Wood spoke with the City Attorney, David Church, to discuss what would be an appropriate way to get these people in compliance with the Land Use Ordinances. Mr. Church suggested that the City Council set a date and move forward from that date. The City can either list past violations as “grandfathered in” and not do anything about them or review and enforce them at a later date.

The following topics were discussed:

Possible way to address past violations?

- *Send letters to each property owner stating the violation, what they could do to come into compliance and then give them a date to have it completed or a fine will be charged.

How to help make applying for a building permit easier for the individual as well as helping the Planning Commission?

- *Provide an easy checklist at the front of the Quick Reference guide.

How to help the City Council and Planning Commission work together?

- *Enforcing Ordinances already in place.

How to make sure mistakes aren’t made and applicants have all required documents?

- *Ordinances/Definitions clear and concise.

- *Have help available to navigate the individual through the permitting process.

Riley Hansen, Planning Commission member, stated that he had taken notes from the discussion and would take the information back to the Planning Commission. He also made some suggestions:

- *Encourage welcoming attitude from the Planning Commission members.

- *Remind individuals at the beginning of each meeting about the required documents. If they’re not ready, come back next month or if they can get ready, request to be moved to the end of the meeting.

- *Revisions to the Quick Reference Guide.

- *Signup sheet in the office needs to be closer to the inside office so that individuals have to speak with office help.

Riley also stated that the Planning Commission does go above and beyond to help people with the building permit application process. Also stating: The Planning Commission's feedback will not be positive if the City Council decides to "grandfather-in" and not enforce past violations.

Mayor Wood would like to schedule another work meeting with the Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourns at 7:00 p.m.

Michelle Walker

Michelle Walker, City Recorder

