

I have been a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for 14 years and have been the Chairman for 12 of those 14 years.

In November of 2021 I received a letter from former Mayor Madsen which said that my services would not be required on the Planning and Zoning Commission after 2021. No reason for this action was given.

The Meadow Town Ordinance which governs appointment and removal of PNZ members is 10-4-1. It states that the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Town Council in a public meeting may appoint members to the PNZ Commission for all open positions. It also provides for the removal of members. It states that members may be replaced at the end of their terms or because of non-performance of duty which may be defined as unexcused absences from 3 or more consecutive meetings.

The ordinance states that the first term, which was 14 years ago, would be for a period of 5 years. After that there would be 3 members which would have terms of 3 years and 2 members that would have terms of 2 years. We have had difficulties in tracking the terms of PNZ members in the past because of turn over of the members and confusion about who replaced whom on the commission. In 2020 we made a study to determine who should be a 3 year member, who should be a 2 year member, and when their terms would expire. It was determined that it was either not feasible or was impossible to determine the terms. We came up with a listing that showed all members and their status. We voted to use this list to determine future appointments. This list, dated March 8, 2020, was E-mailed to me by Monica. The term ending date on this list for me would be December 31, 2022.

I have only missed one meeting in the last two years. In October of 2021 I had Covid and could not attend that meeting. In contrast, Rex Williams has not attended any meetings in 2021. Both Van and Shane have only attended a few of the meeting in 2021. As far as I know, no action has been taken by the former Mayor to remove those members for non-performance of duty.

In light of this information I believe that my removal from the PNZ Commission did not follow the Meadow Town ordinance previously stated. I have been removed for what I consider to be personal reasons on the part of the previous mayor while no action has been taken concerning others who have failed to perform their duties.

At the last scheduled PNZ meeting which should have been held last week, there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum which resulted in cancellation of the meeting.

In many other Towns and Cities the Planning and Zoning Commission is the Land Use Authority and they make the land use decisions. In Meadow, the Planning and Zoning Commission makes no decisions on land use issues. It prepares and recommends laws to the Town Council who is the Land Use Authority for Meadow Town. The Town Council makes all Land Use decisions. Land Use issues do not need to go to PNZ before going to the Town Council.

Planning and Zoning Commissioners with various backgrounds should be appointed to give representation to all citizens of Meadow. I am one vote on a 5 member council which makes no decisions on Land Use.