

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego Planning Commission was held Monday, November 26, 2018.

Member Aldrich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Cyndi Trobeck, Robert Alway, Ric Saucedo, Paul Mitchell, Tom Gilmer, Brent Milhiem and City Manager Mitchell. Absent: Jayson Ennis.

Member Trobeck moved to excuse Member Ennis, seconded by Member Alway. CARRIED

Member Milhiem moved to approve the May 22, 2018, minutes, seconded by Member Alway. CARRIED

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. RRC – REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITY

Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the RRC Plan. He explained the City's current status, the work that has been completed and what still needs to be completed. He stated that updates to the City's Zoning Ordinance will need to take place to become compliant. He explained that the proposed changes will eventually be brought before the Planning Commission for approval. Member Alway commented that he would like to see the Planning Commission recognize/approve the DDA/Main Street Riverfront Redevelopment Plan, so that it is shown in the official paperwork that the Planning Commission reviewed the plan. Manager Mitchell stated that it is not the role of the Planning Commission to approve the plans of the DDA/Main Street, unless it is required at some point. Member Gilmer commented that at this point the Riverfront Redevelopment is a concept and as it pieces together and funding is available, it will come before the Planning Commission, if needed. Member Alway also commented on the downtown bike racks and the future of electric car power stations in the downtown. Manager Mitchell will keep the Planning Commission updated on the RRC process as it continues.

B. MARIJUANA

Manager Mitchell stated that since the passage of Proposal 1, the City is in the process of composing an Ordinance to opt out of the retail, growing, processing and transporting of marijuana in the City of Otsego, at this time. This will go in front of the City Commission at their next meeting. He explained that the City is proceeding to opt out, so that the City can obtain more information and potentially hold Public Hearings for the community to voice their opinions. He asked that the Planning Commissioners attend the public hearings. He stated that the City can choose to opt in at any time. A brief discussion took place regarding the new changes in the law and how LARA is proceeding with the licensing.

C. BAYBERRY CONDO – PERTAINING TO ZONING

Manager Mitchell explained that recently he received a building permit for a four-season room to replace a deck on a condo in Bayberry. He stated that as he was looking up zoning of the property, he found there were not setback requirements and that the condos are zoned R-A – Single Family Residential. He worked with the Bayberry Condo Association President to eventually grant the approval of the building permit. A brief conversation took place regarding the history of Bayberry Condos. Manager Mitchell indicated that the condo zoning does not fit our current Zoning Ordinance and if updated the Bayberry Condos will be grandfathered in, if the Zoning Ordinance is changed. He indicated that he has contacted David Jirousek to assist with the potential changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Manager Mitchell commented that there may be a variance coming before the Planning Commission for an adult foster care facility.

Manager Mitchell stated that he will be assembling a 2018 Planning Commission Report.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Member Gilmer, seconded by Member Mitchell.

CARRIED –7:47 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk