

CITY OF VERGAS
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, May 18, 2020
6:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Additions or Deletions
3. Minutes of April 27, 202
4. Status of recommendations to City Council
 - a. Sign Ordinance
5. Old Business
 - a. Nuisance Properties
6. New Business
 - a. Scharf Ave signage and/or weight construction
 - b. Construction Permits
 - i. 817 E Scharf Ave

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The City of Vergas Planning Commission was held Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm on Zoom with the following members present Logan Dahlgren, Van Bruhn, Robert Jacoby, Paul Pinke and Natalie Fischer. Absent: none. Also, present Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers and Barbie Porter of the Frazee-Vergas Forum.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Logan Dahlgren at 6:07 pm.

Motion by Dahlgren, seconded by Pinke to accept the agenda as presented. Voting yes: Pinke, Bruhn, Fischer, Dahlgren and Jacoby. Voting No: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Dahlgren, seconded by Jacoby to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020. Voting yes: Pinke, Bruhn, Fischer, Dahlgren and Jacoby. Voting No: none. Motion carried.

Status of recommendations to City Council:

Council approved the sign ordinance which will become law as soon as it is published.

Old Business:

Discussed nuisance policy provided and information in ordinance. Discussed vehicles stored under a tarp instead of in a building as if we wanted to change the ordinance to allow putting a tarp on vehicle and if we are going to allow people to park on their lawn. Members requested ordinance to stay the same and for Lammers to send letters to anyone parked on grass or having vehicles with no current license or inoperable under tarps.

Discussed concerns having been presented regarding 160 S 1st Avenue. The tractors are a part of his businesses and not a nuisance issue. Discussed piles of debris on this property and vehicles. Dahlgren requested planning commission members provide pictures and information regarding what they wanted to be included in letter. Lammers requested members provide information to her by Thursday morning and she will then compile for a letter. Discussed what is in the letter being sent and if it needs to change. Commissioners requested Lammers find out about how long tractors can sit on a property. Motion by Pinke, seconded by Fischer to send property owner letter to have property improved by June 9 for Council to discuss. Voting yes: Pinke, Bruhn, Fischer, Dahlgren and Jacoby. Voting No: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer, seconded by Jacoby to send 350 S Pelican Ave a letter giving the owner until the 15th to get yard and home in compliance or City employees will clean up. Voting yes: Pinke, Bruhn, Fischer, Dahlgren and Jacoby. Voting No: none. Motion carried.

Discussed other nuisance properties. Need to send letter to 101 E Mill to clean garbage in yard.

New Business:

Discussed Scharf Avenue and the county stated that you either have a public or private road. If public, you need to allow everyone to use. The League mentioned we could develop a truck route through town to keep trucks to certain roads. Discussed weight restrictions and dead-end signs. League research department will be emailing more criteria for truck routes.

Motion by Dahlgren, seconded by Pinke to approve the following construction permits: 817 E Scharf Ave to build a new home, garage and driveway. Motion passed unanimously.

Follow Up Actions:

Council review 160 S 1st Ave property.

Lammers to get more information regarding truck routes.

Lammers to contact Peloquin regarding nuisance properties.

Actions Completed and Removed from Follow up:

Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane check if the van has current license tabs at 160 S 1st Avenue.

Lammers and J Bruhn will check on the legality of putting a no thru traffic sign up on Scharf Avenue.

Members to read and recommend changes to Sign Ordinance.

The next meeting will be April 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Secretary,
Julie Lammers, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer
City of Vergas