

June 3, 2024 Planning Commission Minutes

Vice Chairman Eric Herbert called the regular meeting of the Fort Calhoun Planning Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. Monday, June 3, 2024. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication or posting said forms of notice being designated methods for giving notice, an affidavit of publication or a certification of posting being attached to these minutes.

The agenda packets were distributed to the Chair and Board Members on Friday, May 31, 2024. Meetings are open to the public. Chairman Schrum announced a copy of the open meetings law, which is posted continually for public inspection on the wall in the Council Chambers/Library.

The following answered roll call: Eric Herbert, Nate Dougherty, and Tony Knight. Members Aaron Schrum and Bryan Therkildsen were absent.

Member Dougherty made a motion seconded by member Knight to approve the May 6, 2024 minutes. With members Knight, Herbert, and Dougherty voting "Aye", motion carried.

Public Hearing:

The public hearing relating to AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, PERTAINING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF FORT CALHOUN'S FUTURE LAND USE MAP; AND TO AMEND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. There were four written comments from the open house on May 29th. Lucas Billesbach, City Engineer, explained why cities plan and the importance of planning. He discussed the Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use map. The Future Land Use map is a guide for how a city wants to develop and grow. There were many questions and comments from the public. Many were not in favor of the proposed map and didn't agree with adding a large industrial district to the north of the FLU map. A few spoke in favor of the updates to the map. It was noted that the map is a working document and can always be amended in the future to adjust to the growth and needs of the town and its residents. Lucas stated that over the last six years, residential/housing is a big need and the south of town is the best spot for that growth. The public hearing closed at 8:25.

New Business:

Member Dougherty made a motion to recommend approval for an amendment to the Fort Calhoun Future Land Use Map, with new amendments to the north. Member Knight seconded the motion. With members Dougherty, Knight, and Herbert voting "Aye", motion carried.

Permits: Chairman Schrum noted the permits issued in May were reviewed.

Total Issued Permits = 5

Building – Other = 3; Building – New S/F Res. = 0; Electrical = 0; Mechanical = 2; Plumbing = 0; Other = 0

With no further business coming before the commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Attest: Alicia Koziol
City Clerk

