

**City of Mayer
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

Commission Members Present: Chairperson Tom Stifter, Les Hahn, Rod Maetzold, Krista Goedel and Council Liaison Bruce Osborn.

Commission Members Absent: Don Wachholz and Patty Lanting.

Others Present: None.

Staff Present: Planning Consultant John Anderson of Municipal Development Group, Inc.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by Chairperson Stifter.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Goedel and seconded by Council Liaison Osborn. Motion carried 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the July 7, 2015 Planning Commission minutes was made by Commissioner Goedel and seconded by Commissioner Maetzold. Motion carried 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CHANGES TO THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS ORDINANCE BY ADDING LANGUAGE REGARDING SOLAR FARMS AND COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS (SES).

At 6:34 PM Chairperson Stifter open the public hearing and Planning Consultant Anderson presented the information about adding language to the alternative energy systems section relating to solar farms and community SES.

Commissioner Hahn pointed out a typo on page 6 of the staff report.

Council Liaison Osborn asked about screening for solar farms.

Planning Consultant Anderson stated that screening for solar farms will be required and that solar farms will be located on a minimum five acre parcels so the ground mounted solar panels should not be affected by the screening.

Chairperson Stifter closed the public hearing at 6:42 PM.

A motion was may by Commissioner Goedel and seconded by Commissioner Hahn to recommend changes to the alternative energy systems ordinance by adding language regarding solar farms and community solar energy systems to the zoning ordinance. Motion carried 5/0.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDING LANGUAGE TO THE MAYER CITY CODE UNDER SECTION 92 RELATING TO BEEKEEPING.

At 6:47 PM Planning Consultant Anderson presented the draft beekeeping language to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Hahn stated he felt that twenty cubic feet is to big for a hive and asked about a flyway barrier.

Planning Consultant Anderson stated the flyway barrier is only needed when the hive is located twenty-five feet or less away from the property line.

Commissioner Hahn stated he would be in favor of not allowing beekeeping in the residential areas and felt that the minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet is to small.

Planning Consultant Anderson stated that if the Planning Commission had any recommendations or changes to suggest they should make a motion to the City Council to address the recommended changes.

Commissioner Hahn made a motion to not allow beekeeping in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and PRD districts. There was no second so the motion died but Commissioner Hahn stated he wanted it in the minutes that he is in favor of prohibiting beekeeping in the residential districts.

NEXT MEETING

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Hahn asked when the bushes and shrubs along the sidewalk next to the two house by the bank were going to be trimmed since they are still overhanging on the sidewalk and make it hard to even walk on the sidewalk.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Goedel and seconded by Chairperson Stifter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Motion carried 5/0.