

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Mitch Wright called meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:03PM.
- B. **Roll Call:** Commissioners present were: James Milner, Lloyd Showalter, Todd Fenix, Frank Mocivnik, James Walker; Darrin Brock was absent. There was quorum. Kris Sullivan, Nolan Jones, Linda Vannoy, Mayor Long, Mike Young, Rick Stone, Dean Bitner and Ray Drummond were present.
- C. **Invocation:** (done at the BOZA portion of meeting)
- D. **Pledge of Allegiance:** (done at BOZA portion of meeting)
- E. **Approval of Minutes:** August 1, 2016

Motion to approve August 1, 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Mocivnik

Second: Commissioner Walker

Vote Aye: Walker, Milner, Wright, Fenix, Mocivnik, Showalter

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve August 1, 2016 minutes was approved.

- F. **Public Hearing:** Urban Agriculture **Open: 6:06 Close: 6:10**

Michael & Terri Phillips, 1408 Tudor Street, asked to have permit to have bees, and other urban agriculture and animals. He drafted an ordinance for the commissioners to consider.

Ray Drummond was opposed to the ordinance because of his experience with goats, etc. having picked up a goat and it beat up his pickup and animal cage at the shelter. He questioned who would feed these animals until their owners picked them up. He asked for perimeters be set to assist the animal shelter with picking up and keeping animals fed and safe until owners claimed them.

After discussion, Chairman Wright proceeded to encourage Mr. and Mrs. Phillips to consider: fowl should be defined what kind such as chickens/turkeys, etc.; number of birds per residence per zone according to acreage which is complicated and becomes a code problem and a problem for them to solve; ordinance doesn't identify any housing specs; square feet per bird doesn't how they are to be caged and what it looks like; doesn't adopt or show any requirement for NPIP Standards which are required by law and need to be incorporated; no requirements where they can acquire their birds and doesn't meet state laws; no specification for biosecurity; backyard flocks make the poultry industry cringe because of various viruses, etc. that could infect their flocks and cause major problems; a state veterinary and city staff would need to work with the community to be sure all bases are covered to protect everyone's investments when the ordinance is written; section on goats, goats are usually used for milk production and not for meat purposes; it is an in-run for someone to have a pet goat at home; the ordinance doesn't require owners to comply with voluntary flock certification program; doesn't require them to sport scrapie tags which is part of state law; it doesn't have anything have bio-security requirements; if goats are used for dairy, in order for them to milk they have to bear young and if they bear at the same time they will be out of compliance because they have too many at one time; bees need to be in compliance at all times but when they swarm, it becomes out of compliance immediately; there is no way to tell which type of bees owners have unless they are taken to a lab to inspect them and it is costly, who is going to pay; don't agree with some conditional use language in the ordinance; the fewer conditional uses we have the better and we don't want city staff out counting bee hives and goats and other animals. The ordinance is going to have to be an enforceable ordinance that takes the above things into account.

- G. **Public Forum:** Open: Close:
- H. **Consent Agenda:** None.
- I. **Old Business:** None.
- J. **New Business:** None.

K. Planning Staff Items: None.

L. Discussions: None.

M. Committee Reports: None.

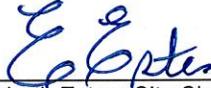
N. Adjourn: Commissioner Fenix moved to adjourn. Commissioner Milner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:27PM.

APPROVED:



Mitch Wright, Chairman

ATTEST:



Elizabeth Estes, City Clerk



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AUGUST 15, 2016