

**CITY OF PLAINWELL
MINUTES
Planning Commission
June 19, 2019**

1. Call to Order at 7:02 p. m. by Sausaman
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call: Present: Jay Lawson, Rachel Colingsworth, Lori Steele, Diana Lubic, Stephen Bennett, Gary Sausaman
Excused: Jim Higgs
4. Approval of Minutes – 06/05/19
Steel motioned to approve minutes, as received seconded by Lawson. Minutes approved on an all in favor voice vote.
5. Chairperson’s Report: - None

Closed Planning meeting at 7:05 Open Public Hearing at 7:05

- A. Sausaman open the Public Hearing for 720 N. Main Rezone Application: to rezone 720 N. Main from C1 to SB (service business), along with a special use permit for a holistic animal clinic to utilize 720 N. Main. Dr. Shawn Dolan and Scott Merlett were present; they gave a brief description of their Renewed Animal Wellness Center.

Public Comments were taken:

Cory Redder, 731 Thomas St. asked about construction and additional buildings. No new construction is being considered at this time. Mr. Redder stated that their niche of animal care would be a good idea for the neighborhood.

A letter of concern was presented by Amy and Jim Pell, 712 N. Main St. stating a concern for a fence, being she runs a day care and feels parents would be unsure about coming to her daycare. Also asking the new owners to put in their own sewer, and concerned about tax increase. City Manager, Erik Wilson will meet with the Pell’s to discuss these concerns. Scott Merlett, mentioned they are not opposed to a fence.

Planning Commission comments:

Sausaman asked how many appointments they would have in a day. Approximately 20-30 animals a day. No overnight stays and nothing after 6 or 7 p.m.

Sausaman inquired about number of employees- approximately 7-10 employees.

Steele made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Colingsworth. A motion by Bennett to recommend the Planning Commission move forward on the rezone and special use permit and send to City Council on 6/24/19.

6. New Business
7. Old Business

A. Final review of the CIP draft copy 2019-2024

B. Marihuana ordinance discussion. Set a public meeting in September, date TBA.

Staff will compile a summary of other communities and the latest information regarding the new laws.

8. Reports and Communications:

A. 5/28/19 Council Minutes reviewed by Commission

9. Public Comments – None

10. Staff Comments:

Denise Siegel, Community Development Manager mentioned the new site plans for the library arrived; a special meeting will be set to review the plans on or before Wed. July 3, 2019.

Also announced that there will not be fireworks this year due to sponsorship/funding for this year's show.

11. Commissioner Comments: Sausaman mentioned what a great turn out for the Plainwell Days Festival, Rotary sold out of all their food by 3 p.m. on Saturday.

12. Adjournment:

Lubic adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Denise Siegel, Community Development Manager