

**CITY OF PLAINWELL  
MINUTES  
Planning Commission  
March 15, 2017**

1. Call to Order at 7:02 p. m. by Chair Lubic
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call: Present: Chris Haas, Jay Lawson, Lori Steele, Diana Lubic, Jim Higgs, Gary Sausaman  
Excused Absent: Chris Slinkman
4. Approval of Minutes – 2/01/17:  
Higgs moved to approve the minutes as presented and it was supported by Haas
5. Chairperson’s Report:  
None
6. New Business:
  - A. **Demolition of Plainwell Diner/Bait Shop** – Demolition plans were presented for the two buildings, this is different than what was presented at the November 2, 2016 meeting. Due to complications both buildings will be demolition and the original footprint presented 11/2/16 will be constructed on the property. **Higgs Moves to approve demolition plan to go before the City Commission supported by Haas. Motion carried**
  - B. **Rezoning of 201 E. Bridge Street –. A motion by Steele, supported by Haas to open the public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. to hear comment on the request to rezone 201 E. Bridge St. from SB to CBD. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**

Community Development Manager Siegel stated that the owner 201 E. Bridge St., Companion Animal Veterinary, is applying to rezone the properties from Service Business District (SB) to Central Business District (CBD). This property is currently zoned as SB and by rezoning it to CBD will remove the spot zoning. Plus allow for the Companion Animal Veterinary to expand to lines under the CBD zone. The property sits just on the corner of the CBD and directly across the street to the south is zoned CBD.

**A motion by Higgs, supported by Haas to close the Public Hearing at 7:28pm. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion by Higgs, supported by Steele to recommend rezoning 201 E. Bridge St. from Service Business District to Central Business District. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**C. Site Plan review for 201 E. Bridge St.** – A review of the expansion for Companion Animal Veterinary was reviewed. **Steele moves to approve the site plans to go before the City Commission supported by Lawson.**

7. Old Business:
  - A. Marijuana law report – Steele and Siegel reported out on the new medical marijuana laws workshop they attended on Thursday, March 9, 2017. The Planning Commission wishes to do nothing regarding any ordinance change at this time.
8. Public Comment:

None
9. Reports and Communications:
  - A. Accepted the 1/23/17; 2/13/17 & 2/27/17 Council Minutes.
10. Staff Comments:

Siegel informed the commission about the USDA grant for the Prince Street Extension project.
11. Commissioner Comments:

Hass – complimented on how successful both the Art Hop and Senior Expo turned out.
12. Adjournment:

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Denise Siegel, Community Development Manager