

CITY OF UNION OREGON PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
September 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Leonard Almquist Chambers located at 342 S. Main Union, OR 97883

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioner Lani Jones excused, Commissioner Jocelyn Jones, Commissioner Edwin Baird, Commissioner Dan Davenport, Commissioner Robert Burton, Commissioner Sam Diller, Commissioner Cherie Kausler, and City Administrator Doug Wiggins.

The first item on tonight's agenda were the planning minutes for August. Commissioner Baird stated I think there needs to be a correction on the last page 3rd paragraph. CA Wiggins explains that is what he said word for word. Commissioner Baird motioned to accept as written. Commissioner Jocelyn Jones second. The minutes were accepted as written.

Nothing was listed under old business.

Under new business, was a hearing for a Conditional Use Permit, 20-04 Falk. The public hearing opened at 7:02 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared.

On the staff report CA Wiggins stated the applicant wants to house four pet pigs. The property is in a residential area. The property is 7 acres with 6 ½ acres for the pigs to roam. Livestock is allowed on the property, but pigs are not listed in our zoning ordinance. He is applying to keep these pigs as pets on the property. The applicant has pictures which he will show during his presentation. They are Kune Kune and potbelly mixed pigs. I got two letters today. CA Wiggins read the letters for the record. Full copies can be obtained at City Hall.

CA Wiggins continued applicant met all requirements to come before you. Staff recommendations if approved, it shall be subject to review on complaint basis, no breeding, and the applicant will be held accountable for all nuisance violations. Also, no more than 5 pigs can be kept on the property.

On Applicant testimony, Dennis Falk stated thank you for looking at my application. I would like to show some pictures. I think this needs to go to City Council, these are pets and not market pigs. These are late because I broke my phone. He describes the pigs and their yard with pictures. They eat grass and hay. They like Cheetos. He had a picture of their mud wallow. I have no intention of breeding. One of our pigs does tricks. We have had them for 6 or 7 years; they have only gotten out twice. You can come meet them if you want.

There was no testimony in favor.

On testimony against, Roy King 940 W Bryan St. stated last month you approved a similar permit. I am one of six appealing that, I would like you to table this until the appeal is heard and decided.

Under applicant rebuttal, Jodi Falk stated we never had any complaints whatsoever, the other neighbors are complaining, we are not having complaints. These are different circumstances.

The public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

After Commissioner deliberation, Commissioner Baird motioned to approve with staff recommendations. Commissioner Diller second. The motion passed with four yes votes and 1 no vote from Commissioner Jocelyn Jones.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. Dick Middleton 10th Street stated listening to you tonight, I got the feeling that the city should eliminate all livestock within city limits. The Falks have had them for years without complaint. The stock show is annoying, we should eliminate all livestock within city limits, it would be easier on you who make decisions, maybe you should or shouldn't, I think you have done well. Thank you kindly.

Terra Richter stated it is a case by case basis, we do not have many complaints on livestock.

CA Wiggins stated on the upcoming hearings there would be a Partition on 5th and Delta.

This meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Approved: _____
Chairman, Dan Davenport

Attest: _____
City Administrator/Recorder, Doug Wiggins