

Planning Commission Meeting

433 Cherry Street

Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:30 PM

Minutes

Present

Commissioners

Teresa Josephson
Lizette Custer
John Van Wingerden
Jacob Williams

Josh Clawson, Ex Officio
Carson Cortez, City Planner
Michelle Quinn, City Clerk

John VanWingerden made a motion to approve August 07, 2023, Minutes, Lizette Custer seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Carson Cortez, City Planner, started the discussion following up from the last meeting and wanting to formalize their decision on the change of zoning request with the recommended decision. Teresa Josephson stated the decision was denial of the rezone request but with consideration for recommending options for the council. Lizette Custer has done some research on small cities and their requirements; most small cities do not allow mini warehouses. John VanWingerden believes mini warehouses should be in like industrial areas and not at the main entrance of town.

Also, due to the concern with the port expansion and losing businesses and a few rental properties to the expansion. John and Lizette are concerned if GSA closes our port of entry for rebuilding this will affect our businesses with loss of revenues.

John Van Wingerden made a motion to recommend to the council denying the change of zoning application for site specific rezone to mini warehouse due to it not being harmonious with the neighborhood, Jacob Williams seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Carson Cortez, City Planner updated the commissioners that the comprehensive plan review will be beginning; this review will bring updates and changes to the comprehensive plan. Carson also had received another request for storage units from another landowner, which also did not fit the zoning of the property. One suggestion to put in the comprehensive plan is to allow storage units in the industrial zone with a conditional use permit.

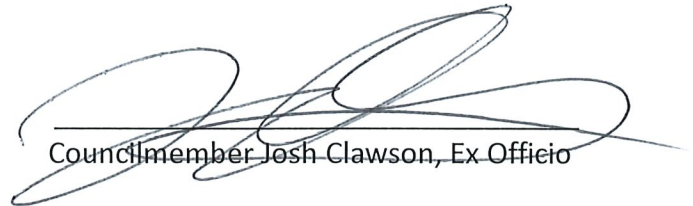
Carson's plan with this comprehensive review will be to start with the zoning codes making sure the areas are a good fit for those zones currently. Teresa inquired on how to begin this review of such a large amount of information, Carson said the process will be just starting on one section at a time moving forward.

Discussion on the UGA and what the City faces with not a lot of area for growth.

The next Planning Commission Meeting was set for October 16, 2023, at 5:30 pm.



City Clerk



Councilmember Josh Clawson, Ex Officio