

**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

August 12, 2024

4884 W. Curtis St.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathy Noel
Arthur Brood
Carolyn Hall
Judy Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Barbara Hampton
John Kane
Nate Beery

Also present: Katie Murray

Chairman Brood called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MOTION #1: by Carolyn Hall to approve the agenda with the addition of updating permit rates.
Seconded by Kathy Noel. Motion carried.

MOTION #2: by Kathy Noel, second by Judy Wright, to approve the minutes for May 13, 2024.
Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Brood apologized for the cancelled meeting last month, but it could not helped as the agenda packet was not finished early enough to allow members time to prepare.

NEW BUSINESS:

Delinquent Fines on Tax Bills: The Zoning Officer and some of the clerical workers have asked if it would be possible to place delinquent fines onto property taxes, as is done for delinquent water bills. Some tickets have gone unpaid for infractions such as unmown grass. The only ordinance that would require updating would be the civil infraction ordinance.

Judy Wright mentioned that the cost recovery ordinance for the fire department could also be consulted as precedent for a change to the ordinance. The water and sewer ordinance is consulted as reference. This would constitute a major change to the ordinance requiring a public hearing and approval by the board. However, it would result in a solution much simpler than taking minor infractions to court, which is currently the only recourse.

A lawyer and the MTA will need to be consulted. Without more information, no motion can be made, and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Updating Permit Rates: There has been discussion of increasing the fence permit fee to \$40. However, with the inspection fee, the total cost is already \$72. Wording could be changed on the existing fee schedule to make clearer that the fee is \$22 + \$50 per inspection. Without the Zoning Officer available to discuss the matter, it is decided to simply update the fee schedule's layout and wording for now.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Carolyn Hall, Secretary

Minutes typed by Katie Murray