

TOWN OF ROSALIA
PLANNING COMMISSION
September 1, 2022

Present: Colbi Johnson, Melinda Byer, Lori Fuhrman, Ken Wilkes, Judith Littleton

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Johnson announced that she will be stepping down after the November meeting due to family reasons. It will be decided by the town how they wish to handle her replacement.

For the work of the commission to proceed effectively, a printed copy of the current town ordinances is needed to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan is updated in compliance with existing ordinances. Ideally, this would be available online, but is not currently. Lori noted that she has equipment that can readily convert the hard copy to digital and that she had volunteered to do that at no cost to the town without response. The current printed copy may require some updating. The commission understands that to have it online so that it is indexed and available to the general public is an expensive process and can be researched further.

The problem of derelict properties in town was discussed. Tina Coe is researching ownership and attempting to contact owners. There are vacant properties that have dangerously high weed growth. The possibility of the work being done and a lien filed on the property if the bill is not paid was suggested. The process involves cost to the city, but eventually the funds would be recovered when the property is sold. Possibly the threat of this could be a deterrent to future violations.

The current comprehensive plan does not deal in any detail with the airport. An airport plan will be needed from the Airport Board.

It was noted that the commission must be certain to follow up on communications with the town so that items do not fall through the cracks.

Chapter 6 of the Comprehensive Plan was reviewed with Colbi recording changes and suggestions. It references numerous policies. The commission needs to verify whether they are proposed or were approved previously.

Next meeting will cover Chapter 7 and first 3 pages of Chapter 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judith Littleton