

Fountain Green Planning Commission Public Hearing for Consideration of Ordinance Changes to Chapter 7

Fountain Green City Hall

January 12, 2023

7:03 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Attendance: Bryan Allred, Stuart Krukiewicz, Curt C. Lund, Tyler Smith, Alyson Strait, Mark Woods (arrived 7:13), Jerime Ivory (arrived (7:28)

Excuse: Riley Hansen

Citizens in Attendance: Joseph Papenfuss, Vaughn Jacobsen, JD Burton, Alan Hamilton

Bryan calls the meeting to order and explains that the first consideration for changing Chapter 7 is agricultural fence height for non-sight obscuring fences to protect gardens, orchards, etc. from deer and/or elk. The current Chapter 7 allows only 6' high fences of this type and a deer fence needs to be at least 7 ½' (higher for elk). After discussion, the Commission decides to have Heather call the County Inspectors to find out if they have any rules about inspecting solid or non-sight obscuring agricultural fences that are over 6' in height. There is concern that a higher fence may need footings, engineering for masonry blocks, or other safety measures.

- Bryan next introduces the proposal of allowing short-term rentals in the "historic business district" of the Business Commercial Zone (Chapter 7.3). The "historic business district" is located between Center and 100 South Streets along State Street for ½ of the block. JD Burton is concerned that other buildings in the "historic business district" may not have adequate exits for fire safety. As this use would require a conditional use permit and business license, the Commission expects that the County Inspectors would have rules to address that concern as well as the City Fire Chief. Mr. Burton's other concern is the lack of adequate parking for other buildings in the "historic business district" which the Planning Commission would take into consideration when an application is made.
- Bryan adjourns the Public Hearing at 7:37 pm.