

**MINUTES
OMAK PLANNING COMMISSION
ZOOM MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2021**

Mr. Danison said the city is working with engineers, Gray & Osborne, Inc to develop a cost estimate for the Stampede Arena Concourse. The goal is to connect the Dance Pavilion with the Stampede Arena with a handicapped accessible lit walkway. There are federal grant funds available for regionally significant projects. The Stampede event is significant, and the city plans to apply.

Mr. Wells told the Planning Commission that his department has been slow the last few months. There is construction happening on Enterprise Drive. They are constructing some commercial buildings for office space, warehouse space and future storage. Meadow Point residents are starting to occupy the first half of the buildings. They are on track to complete the remaining buildings by the end of December. Mr. Wells received a letter of Intent to Annex today and, he has been reviewing that process. Commissioner Hansen asked about the use, Mr. Wells stated residential, multi-family type dwellings. Mr. Danison told the Commissioners the city has been looking to annex an island of land by the veterinary clinic. He and Administrator McDaniel have been working on a cost analysis to get a better idea of what the fees will be.

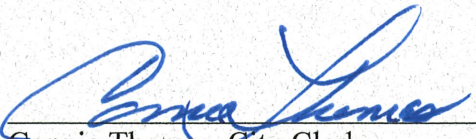
Mr. Wells said the city abated a burned home at 510 S Main. The property has been cleaned and boarded up. The city has also boarded up a home in east Omak that is also burned. He has issued five more abatement notices to occupied homes that have been without utilities. Commissioner Potter asked about the street connection on Jonathan. Mr. Wells explained that as of now, Jonathan will not continue through to Quince. The connection is to Pine Street. This last leg of Jonathan Street is number two on the city's priority list when funding becomes available. Commissioner Schneider asked if the new apartments on Oak Street will have a big toy for children. North School had some concerns about the additional use on the school yard and problems with vandalism. Mr. Wells said the playground was in the original plan and they may be waiting until spring. Commissioner Okland asked Mr. Wells about the homes without utilities and what will happen to the people living in the homes. Mr. Wells said notice was given and the occupants have a certain time frame to reinstate water to ensure they have sanitary facilities. He is working with other city staff to ensure correct steps are taken in this process. They are checking into the laws at this point.

Chairwoman Okland exclaimed, sounds like the Commission has their work cut out for them in 2022. The January 6, 2022, agenda will include the Economic Development Element, Election of Commissioners, the October minutes and, highlights from the February meeting minutes

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

SIGNED:


Stacey Okland, Chair


Connie Thomas, City Clerk

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Call to Order:

Chairwoman Okland called the meeting of the Omak Planning Commission to order at 5:31PM and a quorum was established.

Commissioner & Administrative Personnel:

Stacey Okland, Chair	Kurt Danison, Contract Planner
Erin Mundinger -absent	Tyler Wells, Building Official
Barry Hansen	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Anne Potter	
Jack Schneider	

Approval of Minutes:

The Commissioners didn't receive the draft minutes from the October 5, 2021, meeting. Chairwoman Okland asked to move the approval of these minutes to the January 4, 2022, agenda so they had time to review them.

Planning Commission Workshop:

Greater Omak Area Comprehensive Plan Element C, Public Utilities

Contract Planner Kurt Danison apologized to the Commissioner's for getting the draft of the Public Utilities Element out late. The Planning Commission has looked at this in the past. Mr. Danison shared his screen and said he has made some changes to the maps. He gave an overview of the maps which include the city water system, city sewer system and the stormwater map. He explained to the Commissioners, the element has never included a stormwater map as the city didn't have a storm water plan. In 2018, the city adopted a stormwater plan so this map will be included. Mr. Danison explained the Commissioners will begin review of the Economic Development Element and the Cultural Preservation Element both of which are small sections. He recommended the Commission consider several of the smaller Elements then, hold one Public Hearing rather than individual hearings. As there were no questions or comments, Commissioner Hansen moved, seconded by Commissioner Potter to accept the draft Public Utilities Element and work on the other two elements before setting a public hearing. The Commissioners voted and unanimously approved the motion.

Other Business:

Planning Commission – 2022 Discussion Items

Contract Planner Danison reminded the Commissioner's that during the February 4, 2020, meeting there were some items the Planning Commission wanted to discuss at a later date. He shared the minutes from February 4th highlighting, nightly rentals, duplexes, standards for development in a commercial zone and off-street parking standards. These items will be of interests and on the agenda for the Planning Commission in 2022. He also suggested the Commissioner's can identify items in the zoning code or the Comprehensive Plan that may need to be addressed. The draft of the Community & Economic Development Element will be on the January agenda. He would like the Commissioner's input on the vision statement and goals.

City Updates