

**MARCH 3, 2020
OMAK PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Harrison called the meeting of the Omak Planning Commission to order at 5:30 PM and a quorum was established.

Commissioner & Administrative Personnel:

Sheila Harrison, Chair	Kurt Danison, Contract Planner
Stacey Okland, Vice Chair	Tyler Wells, Building Official
Pat Davisson	Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk
Erin Munding	Todd McDaniel, City Administrator
Barry Hansen	Gary Lewis, Code Enforcement
Anne Potter	

Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Munding moved, seconded by Commissioner Davisson, to approve the February 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Abatement Issues

Todd McDaniel, City Administrator thanked the Commissioners for their continued support and dedication to the city. He explained to the commissioners the Omak Municipal Code for unfit dwellings and blighted businesses. The city has boarded up a few unfit dwellings within the city. He further explained, it is a lengthy process and very expensive for the city. He introduced Gary Lewis, the Cities Code Enforcement Officer.

Gary Lewis, Code Enforcement gave a list to the Commissioners of unfit homes and blighted businesses. He explained, unfit homes as an example would be homes that have no running water, no way to flush toilets and be unsanitary. We have a municipal code that all homes must have running water. The city also has a code that all businesses and residents must have garbage pickup. He is hoping with spring coming, more people will start picking up debris outside. He has very little jurisdiction on Eastside due to being a tribal reservation. He continues to work with residents to explain the fire damage, with having weeds and grass out of control and outside debris, that brings in rodents. Mr. McDaniel has been looking at other cities codes to see if it something that we can improve on. Mr. Kurt Danison suggested looking into block grants for blighted homes, as it would increase rental's and homes to purchase.

The Commissioners are pleased that something is being done and thanked them both for their time attending the meeting.

Other Business

Todd McDaniel explained some of the major upcoming projects for the year. The Airport water infraction, Airport taxiway repair/design, TIB Jasmine project, Engh Rd and Meadow Point Housing project, just to name a few. He stated his staff will be very busy in the coming year.


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Tyler Wells talked about the mobile vendor code. He is working with a Taco truck on Riverside Drive, the businessman would like to open soon and be open year around and not have to move his truck nightly. Mr. Wells suggested this is something that we need to revisit as each vendor can be different. As he is finding discrepancies in the code. He is also working with a business owner who has an electronic sign. He is finding there is a lot of gray area in this code, as what can be displayed or advertised. He has forwarded the code to our City Attorney, Mick Howe for review. Mr. Wells thinks it will come before the Commissioners again soon for further review.

The Commissioners decided to put off discussion of the Transportation Element, due to the length of the discussions tonight. It will be added to the next agenda, along with nightly rentals. A quorum won't be available in April, the next meeting will be May 5, 2020.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

SIGNED:



Sheila Harrison, Chair



Amber Scott, Deputy Clerk