

Planning & Zoning Board
City of Medford
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Chairman Quiring opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Members present: Quiring, Stinocher, Brandvold, Harris, Luebbe

Members absent: None

Others Attending: Jed Peterson, Mark Rahrick, Beth Jackson, Mandy Mueller, Lois Nelson, Steve Abbott, Chad Langeslag,

Agenda-Chairman Quiring asked to move Item F: Election of Officers up on the agenda after the approval of minutes. Motion by Harris, second by Stinocher to move Item F Election of Officers on the agenda up. Motion carried.

Election of Officers-Chairman Quiring asked for nomination for Chairman. Luebbe nominated Rich Quiring, second nomination for Quiring by Brandvold. Board all in favor. Vice Chair-Nomination by Brandvold for Luebbe, second nomination for Luebbe by Harris. Board all in favor. Secretary-Brandvold nominated Stinocher, second nomination for Stinocher by Harris. Board all in favor. 2021 elected officers are Chairman-Quiring, Vice Chairman-Luebbe and Secretary-Stinocher.

Minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting, the September 2, 2020 meeting and public hearing and December 7, 2020 meeting and public meeting were read.

Motion by Brandvold, second by Luebbe to accept the minutes, motion carried.

Chairperson Report from Council Meeting-Chair Quiring attending council meeting and reported to the council the action taken at the Dec 7, 2020 meeting.

Concerns from the General Public-None

Old Business-None

New Business-Brad Price-Potential Storage Units on Pieper House Property

Steve Abbott, Construction Supervisor for Barr Properties, gave presented to the board the plans for the Pieper House Property. Owner of Barr Properties, Brad Price would like to annex the property into city limits of Medford. As it sits now the property is in county limits and zoned agricultural. Thus, preventing Barr Properties from building storage units. Mr. Price would like to annex in the property to the city of Medford to give the city a boost in tax dollars and provide more storage units. The Pieper house will be taken down regardless of the decision by the city to annex the property into city limits.

Question by the board-

Brandvold questioned if the Pieper house could be taken down since it was a historical marker. Mr. Abbott advised that is private property now and they can do what they wish with it regardless of the historical designation.

Luebbe asked what the estimate tax value would be for the city with the storage units and Mr. Price stated roughly \$40,000 annually.

Quiring asked if the township was ok with the annex land proposal and Mark Rahrlick advise that there is an agreement with the City of Medford that any approved land annexed into the city the township would be compensated.

There would be city utilities extended to the property line, but the Barr Property owners do not have any intentions of using it. No water or sewer will be needed on the property for cold storage units.

Brad Price called in to answer any questions board may have had and he expressed to the board he would take down the house regardless and decision the city made. Steele County shut off well and septic on the property and it is deemed unusable.

Concerns from the public were led by Lois Nelson, member of the Medford Area Historical League. A letter from Lois Nelson and other members of the group was given to the board. Mrs. Nelson stated that there is an engineering study on the Pieper house and what is needed to restore the property. Mrs. Nelson advised there was a potential new buyer that would like the chance to purchase the property and save house. Currently Mr. Price does own the property and it is decision on what happens to the house.

At this time, the board discussed the presentation to annex the property to the city and a motion was made by Brandvold and second by Harris to be in favor of keeping the property residential. Motion carried.

Adjourn the meeting-Motion by Brandvold, seconded by Luebbe to adjourn the meeting at 7:42, motion carried.

Next regular Planning and Zoning meeting is Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm