

LA PINE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday April 16, 2014

6:00 PM

City Hall

16345 Sixth St, La Pine, Oregon 97739

1. Call to Order
2. Establish Quorum
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Added Agenda Items
Any matters added to the agenda at this time will be discussed during the “Other Matters” portion of this Agenda.
5. Public Comments
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes
7. Sign Code Discussion
- Deborah McMahon, City Planner
8. Other Matters
Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 4
9. Planning Commissioner Comments
10. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the Planning Commission to consider or discuss additional subjects. The meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. The meeting is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting Patti Morgan at (541) 536-1432.

LA PINE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

Chair Ward called the meeting to order.

2. Establish Quorum

Roll Call

Chair Doug Ward

Commissioner Norman McClung

Commissioner Don Greiner – absent by prior arrangement

Commissioner Gloria Fleming

Commissioner Rolando Alonzo

Quorum Established

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Rolando Alonzo led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Added Agenda Items

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- Gloria Fleming asked to add summer meetings to the agenda.
- Deborah McMahan asked to add a discussion on how the City is going to approach regulations in the Land Use Codes for medical marijuana.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Fleming and seconded by Commissioner Alonzo to Approve the Meeting Minutes.

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair Doug Ward</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Commissioner Norman McClung</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Commissioner Rolando Alonzo</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Commissioner Gloria Fleming</i>	<i>X</i>	

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Sign Code Discussion
- Deborah McMahon, City Planner

Ms. McMahon said that typically political signs are behind the property line and there is one per property, most cities allow a maximum of a 4' x 8' size. She said they have done an exemption to allow people to use the larger sign size since it is not allowed in the sign code, currently. Ms. McMahon recommended doing some public outreach on the sign code and bringing it back as amended for approval by the City Council.

Public Comments

Michael Carriger, area resident, asked about leaving political signs up between the primary and general election. Chair Ward said that the code says you cannot have a political sign up more than 120 days before an election.

Deborah McMahon said that the City is making progress with the sign issues. She said the education starts at the Chamber of Commerce and the business community. Ms. McMahon said that Rene Knapp, from All Ways Signs, has given several presentations to the Chamber of Commerce on the new sign codes. Chair Ward said, in the past, he asked the Chamber to help with the sign problems and has not seen any improvements made. Ms. McMahon said that people can submit complaints about signs to the City. There was a discussion about political signage in Bend and other parts of Deschutes County. Ms. McMahon said that having volunteers to do sign code violations would be helpful. She said they would have to have some training, beforehand, to make sure they approach a business in a professional manner. Ms. McMahon said she would talk with the Chamber of Commerce about the sign code and also do some public outreach. She said with sign code violations, she likes to meet with the owner first and then follow it up with a letter.

Public Comment

Michael Carriger said that he finds the new LED sign at the Senior Center to be very distracting at night. Councilor Karen Ward said they have slowed the sign down but there is no way to tone down the lighting. A street light was suggested as a way to make the sign lighting look more toned down.

8. Other Matters
Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 4

Deborah McMahon stated that she has been assigned, by the City Manager, to begin the discussion as to how the City would regulate the placement of medical marijuana dispensaries. She said right now the code is written to allow them today. Ms. McMahon said the Council would like the Planning Commission to write text and code for it. She said that there are things in the code right now that allow the City to regulate activity. The Council had consensus to deal with the issue of medical marijuana dispensaries at the next Planning Commission meeting scheduled for May.

Commissioner Fleming said usually in July and August there are no planning commission meetings. She said she will be out of town and will not be able to attend the meeting in June. The commissioners were asked to make a list of when they would be out of town during June –October.

9. Planning Commissioner Comments
None

