Sublette County, Wyoming

Planning and Zoning Commission Official Minutes

May 18th, 2023

I. ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Sublette County Planning and Zoning Commission was held in the Commissioners Room of the Sublette County Court House and was called to order at 6:10 pm by Vice Chairperson, Pat Burroughs.

Members Present: Pat Burroughs, Maike Tan, and Ken Marincic

Members Absent: Chris Lacinak and Blake Greenhalgh

Staff Members Present: Sublette County Planner, Dennis Fornstrom, and County Attorney

Clayton Melinkovich

Staff Members Absent: Associate Planner, Tess Soll

II. Amendments to the Agenda: None

III. New Business:

- 1. Approval of the minutes from Feb. 16th. Comm. Tan requests an amendment with language she will provide. Comm. Burroughs identifies a couple typos for correction. These minutes were held over for approval with amendments at the next regular meeting.
- 2. Approval of the minutes from March 30th. Minutes are approved as presented 2/0 with Comm. Tan abstaining. (*to be addressed at the next regular meeting)
- 3. Approval of the minutes from April 20th. Minutes are approved as presented 3/0.
- 4. Approval of the minutes from May 4th. Minutes are approved as presented 2/0 with Comm. Marincic abstaining. (*to be addressed at the next regular meeting)

IV. Public Hearings: None

*One member of the public by TEAMS.

Agenda Item #1. The Planning & Zoning Board continued discussions, review, and comments on the Proposed Zoning & Development Regulation Amendments.

Chapter 15 Towers

Comm. Marincic comments on the co-location language and the history of resistance to co-location in the past. Mr. Fornstrom stated the county would still like to promote the co-location of cell towers. Internet providers are slightly different, however at times it may be feasible for co-location as well.

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Mr. Fornstrom stated the opening statement may need to be touched up;

Definitions:

Comm. Burroughs suggests definitions in this chapter be placed in Ch. 2 along with the other general definitions;

Comm. Tan suggests a better way to state 'person' or 'entity' or perhaps, drop 'person' from the definition;

Sec. 2

Comm. Burroughs questions why Ham radio towers are exempt;

Comm. Tan asks questions regarding the height of Ham radio towers and the process if a Ham radio tower were to exceed the maximum height;

Comm. Burroughs asks whether or not unpermitted towers in the county will be grandfathered in:

Comm Burroughs asks how many other counties have tower regulations;

Comm Tan questions the reclamation/abandonment time frame of two years, and suggests 1 year;

Comm. Burroughs asks what the 'County Code' means (code refers to regulations and will be changed)

V. Old Business: Comm. Burroughs opens a discussion with the board regarding the last meeting on short-term rentals. Comm. Burroughs feels strongly the Short-Term Rental regulations need to distinguish a private person running a short-term rental vs a corporation running a short-term rental.

VI. General Public Comment: Bettina Sparrow asked what draft of the regulations will go to the chosen consultant that was selected by the BOCC at its last meeting and, whether there will be a further process for public comment.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Pat Burroughs, at 7:58 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION SUBLETTE COUNTY, WYOMING

Chris Lacinak, Chairman

Attest:

Dennis Fornstrom, Sublette County Planner

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