

**CITY OF EYOTA
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2015**

Present: Members: Barry Karsjens, Chad Ohl and Janet Hughes
Council Rep: Ray Schuchard Secretary: Marlis Knowlton

Absent: Council Rep Bryan Cornell

Call to Order: Chair Barry Karsjens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by Ohl and seconded by Hughes to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion was made by Hughes and seconded by Ohl to approve the March 31, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Firearms Ordinance: The Planning Commission reviewed and revised the Firearms Ordinance #75 as requested by the Council. The Commission debated the use of BB and/or pellet guns and bows of any kind; discussed allowing them with special regulations or in specific areas. The Commission believes there are very strict state building rules and regulations in place for indoor shooting ranges; the City does not need to impose more.

The Commission agreed on items to be added to the revised ordinance:
Prohibited to discharge any firearm that is propelled by a gas.
Acceptable to discharge firearms in an approved indoor shooting range.
Acceptable to discharge blank ammunition during sporting events or ceremonial occasions.
Prohibited to discharge a cross bow or any other bow type mechanism.
Penalty increased to \$300 (today's standard maximum petty misdemeanor)

Motion was made by Ohl and seconded by Hughes to forward this draft ordinance to the Council for their consideration. Discussion: Ohl summarized by stating the Commission conceptually completed the task to revise the ordinance as the Council requested; Karsjens still questioned if some regulated use could be approved in un-platted areas of the City. Ohl and Hughes voted in favor. Karsjens vote opposed. Ayes 2, Nays 1. Motion carried. See "Exhibit A"

Comprehensive Plan Review Regarding a Land Purchase: The Planning Commission reviewed the Comprehensive Plan regarding the Council's proposed purchase of land for a city brush site. This land is outside city limits and is the abandoned railroad wye, located south of 19 Street SE approximately one half mile west of Highway 42.

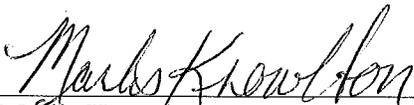
The Comprehensive Plan, Section 2, Community Context, refers to Community Services and Facilities. The City of Eyota is well served by public facilities. *These facilities include: schools, churches, fire and ambulance services.* The Commission concluded facilities include maintenance facilities for the up keep of the City which would include a brush site.

Section 4, Land Use Plan, Growth Guidelines, *1. Growth should occur in conjunction with municipal services and facilities. Municipal service areas should be well defined and expended to accommodate and encourage orderly development.* Again, the Commission concluded a brush site is a service to the residents and a facility is warranted. The Commission found these statements to prove the purchase would be in compliance with the City's plans.

Motion was made Ohl and seconded by Hughes to recommend to the Council a brush site is a facility within the City's services and purchase of land for a brush site is compliant with the Comprehensive Plan. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Other Business: Next Commission meeting will be Thursday, May 21. Summer meetings may be on Wednesdays; they will be scheduled at the May meeting.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Ohl and seconded by Hughes to adjourn. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer