

AREA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8th, 2021

6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Jeff Amos, Kenny Aulbach, Denny Corn, Vice President, Ron Jarman, Kelly Land, Tom Monka, Justin Orme, Mary Richardson Marvin Rees, President. Also present were Geoff Wesling, Attorney, Gregg Duke, Director and Linda Ashwill, Assistant

APPROVAL OF MUNITES: August 11, 2021 Tom made the motion for approval of minutes as written. Seconded by Denny. All were in approval. Minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. APC-2021-11 The Rush County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing to consider changes to the current county zoning ordinance. The proposed changes would affect all sections of the Rush County Zoning Ordinance and are general considered administrative in nature.

Marvin asked John Mc Cane that was present if he had anything he wanted to talk before he turned the meeting over to Gregg. John said he didn't at this time. Gregg goes over the red line addition and explaining the formatting. He stated we had already rewrote The Alternate Energy and the Wireless Telecommunication Facilities section. He pointed out about the zoning maps which are electronically done. These are updated with the new zoning requirements with updated on Beacon. This is nothing new. He has added an amendment file. In the past amendments were kind of hard to follow or keep track of. Gregg stated is trying to make it easier to interpret the Ordinance and spell out what he does.

Gregg went on to talk about livestock on less than ten acres stating no residential district is to have quadruples. He spoke of Special Exceptions. If usage stops for at least two years or greater they should be terminated. There was discussion about the yard setback from CFO's, IDEM regulations, junkyard fences for wholesale junkyards and residential fencing, manufacturing regulations. Gregg stated there were restrictions in the Ordinance currently that we really don't have any control over. These fall within IDEM or DNR regulations.

John Mc Cane spoke on different issues he has come across with the city in regard to IDEM regulations. He stated the less ambiguity is better. You always have the right to be more ridged. You can't be less ridged when it comes to State and Federal regulations.

Virgil Bramer came to podium and spoke on several issues and spoke his opinion on different items he thought needed to be addressed.

Attorney, Geoff said he would encourage the Board to have more than this one than one public meeting for discussion. Everyone's suggestions are welcome.

REPORTS:

Attorney: Geoff said he didn't have anything else at this time.

Director: Gregg asked for direction on how the Board wanted him to proceed. The Board thought it would be better to break off in sections at a time and maybe changing the color coding of the changes to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT: Denny made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tom. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:10 P.M.