

City of Duquesne, Mo
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

May 3rd, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:01 by President Ray Brown

In attendance: Ray Brown, Rick Gamboa, Chris Ellsworth, Tom Johnston, Gary Jackson, Donny Allen, Kerry Divine

Approve Agenda: Ellsworth/ Gamboa 7/0

Approve April Minutes: Divine/Allen 7/0

Public Comments: Mayor Bill Sherman 825 South Duquesne Rd. spoke indicating that although he is allowed on the P&Z he chooses not to at this time as he has many duties to handle. He plans to be at as many meetings as possible and be as helpful as possible.

He also asked if it allowed for a person to put a few cattle on several acres of undeveloped land for private use. The answer was the code is specific as to the amount and type of livestock allowed per acre on undeveloped land.

Kerry Divine asked several questions as follows:

1. If a lot is zoned "commercial", is the entire property zoned "commercial" to the full depth. The answer was the full depth. Where it abuts residential properties, it must conform to lighting, fencing and other requirements outlined in the code.
2. Is there a tutorial on what the P & Z does? The answer was that it must follow the code which is online.
3. A piece of property is being advertised as "zoned commercial" is actually zoned "residential". The reply was If the land in question is in the future use plan as "commercial", then a "commercial" zoning will be approved.
4. Who does code enforcement for trash, weeds, buildings in disrepair? Reply was the city inspector review building issues. The mayor contacts the residents on other issues and works with the police to issue a warning letter first. If there is not response the city has the option to correct the issue and issue a tax lien on the property to recover costs.
5. What should be done if it is suspected that a person is starting a business in a residential property? Reply was the code states what business are allowed in residential properties and violations should be reported to the mayor for review.

Ray Brown asked about a fence being put up without a permit. Reply was to advise the city clerk to check and advise the mayor.

Next meeting: June 7, 2021 at 6 pm

Motion to adjourn 6:48pm Divine/Allen 7/0