

**City of Alma
Planning Commission Minutes
March 7, 2022**

Vice-Chair Ellen Richter called a regular meeting of the Alma Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building. A quorum of the Planning Commission was present.

Present: Andrew Bare, David Justin, Greg Mapes, Michelle Pitts, and Ellen Richter.

Absent: Sonia Gibson, Heather Therrien, Jessica Gilkins (arrived after roll call).

Others present: Aerick Ripley-Interim City Manager/Zoning Administrator.

Vice-Chair Richter led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Justin, seconded by Bare, to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.

Yes: Bare, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, and Richter.

No: none.

Absent: Gibson, Gilkins, and Therrien.

Public Hearing

Motion by Mapes, seconded by Bare, to open a public hearing at 6:03 p.m. to consider a special use permit request for temporary outdoor sales of fireworks from Phantom Fireworks. Motion carried.

Yes: Bare, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, and Richter.

No: none.

Absent: Gibson, Gilkins, and Therrien.

Commission Member Gilkins arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Ripley reviewed the special use permit request from Richard Tapper of Phantom Fireworks. Terms would be the same as last year. The sales tent would be located in the parking lot at 1755 Wright Avenue (Tractor Supply parking lot). Proposed sale dates are June 22, 2022 to July 4, 2022. Secure storage container will be on site, permission has been granted by property owner, an evacuation plan is in place. A copy of appropriate licensing will be provided prior to the start of sales. APD will be notified.

Bare asked if anything differed from last year. Ripley explained it would be the same as the previous year. Brief discussion followed about the use of fireworks in local neighborhoods.

No public comments were received.

Motion by Pitts, seconded by Justin, to close the public hearing regarding a special use permit request for fireworks sales at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Yes: Bare, Gilkins, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, and Richter.

No: none.

Absent: Gibson and Therrien.

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Motion by Pitts, seconded by Bare, to approve the special use permit request from Phantom Fireworks for fireworks tent sales in the parking lot of 1755 Wright Avenue from June 22, 2022 to July 4, 2022. Motion carried.

Yes: Bare Gilkins, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, and Richter.
No: none.
Absent: Gibson and Therrien.

Review—Bed and Breakfast Ordinance text amendments

Ripley reviewed proposed changes to Sec. 60-77 Bed & Breakfast Establishments. Commission members considered each amendment and agreed to amend (3) from 25 percent to 50 percent. Also (4), (9), and (10) will be stricken as each item is currently addressed by building codes. (12) will be amended to be consistent with the current sign ordinance. Discussion followed about the requirement for parking spaces.

Other Business

Ripley asked the Commission to consider amending rules for fireworks sales to allow for staff review and approval instead of a special use permit and site plan review.

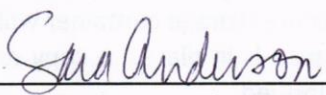
Invitation to Public

No public comments were offered.

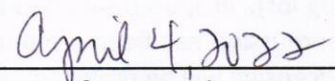
Adjourn

Motion by Justin, seconded by Pitts, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Yes: Bare Gilkins, Justin, Mapes, Pitts, and Richter.
No: none.
Absent: Gibson and Therrien.



Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk



Date of Approval