

OPENING

Mayor Lisonbee opens the meeting with attendance and leading in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00PM.

ROLL CALL/PRESENT

Mayor Marty Lisonbee (VIRTUAL)
Councilmember Debbie Kopp (VIRTUAL)
Councilmember Paul Edwardsen
Councilmember Mike McLaughlin
Councilmember Dale Beddo

Recorder/Clerk Not Present
Staff: John Barlow

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- 1. Discussion and possible action on appointing a planning commissioner for the open position on the Planning Commission.**

Applicants:

Richard Fischer (ABSENT)
Margaret Ososki (VIRTUAL)
Kevin Sair

Councilmember Beddo- Asks the council if they have any comments on the applicants.

Councilmember Kopp- Recommends Margaret Ososki because she has been to every town meeting and Kopp feels she does more research than anyone. She understands that not everyone likes her methods but she feels that no one will do the work like Margaret will.

Councilmember McLaughlin- Asks for clarification from Kevin Sair on his application. The application asks if you have not been convicted of a felony, you answered no. Do you mean, no you have been convinced or no you have not been convicted.

Kevin Sair- I have not been convicted of a felony.

Margaret Ososki- States she has applied to be on this commission more times than any other candidate. She mentions she does a lot of research and knows the codes. She doesn't feel it's necessary to give her speech as everyone has heard it before.

Councilmember Edwardsen- Offers a comment on Richard Fischer. He feels that Richard has been great for the city and has donated a great deal of his time and resources. Richard has been in meetings many times and was able to offer clarifications in the business of building and contracting which he has a great deal of experience in.

Councilmember McLaughlin- Mentions that Kevin Sair has also served the town at great capacity and has worked as a code enforcer for the town. Feels he is also a good candidate.

Councilmember Beddo- Praises Margaret Ososki on her passion in wanting to serve the community and he believes that says a lot about what we need from our community. He feels it's also important to recognize what the needs for the planning commission are.

MOTION: Councilmember Kopp moves to appoint Margaret Ososki as the new commissioner for the Planning Commissioner.
SECOND: Councilmember Beddo
VOTE: Councilmember Kopp Aye
Councilmember Beddo Aye
Councilmember Edwardsen Nay
Councilmember McLaughlin Nay
Mayor Lisonbee Nay

Vote was not approved and motion was denied upon a 3-2 vote.

MOTION: Councilmember McLaughlin moves to appoint Kevin Sair as the new commissioner for the Planning Commissioner.
SECOND: Councilmember Kopp
VOTE: Councilmember Kopp Aye
Councilmember Beddo Nay
Councilmember Edwardsen Nay
Councilmember McLaughlin Aye
Mayor Lisonbee Nay

Vote not was approved and motion was denied upon a 3-2 vote

MOTION: Councilmember Edwardsen moves to appoint Richard Fischer as the new commissioner for the Planning Commissioner.

SECOND: Councilmember McLaughlin
VOTE: Councilmember Kopp Nay
Councilmember Beddo Aye
Councilmember Edwardsen Aye
Councilmember McLaughlin Aye
Mayor Lisonbee Aye

Vote was approved and motion carried upon a 4-1 vote.

2. Discussion and possible action on ordinance 2020-26 an ordinance creating the office of a Town Administrator and appointing a Town Administrator.

Mayor Lisonbee- Explains the town needs to hire John as the Town Administrator to allow him to carry more duties and responsibilities. In order to give him that position we have to do it by motion. The administrator's duties are outlined in the packet.

MOTION: Councilmember McLaughlin moves to adopt ordinance 2020-26 creating the office of the Town Administrator and appointing John Barlow as the Town Administrator.
SECOND: Councilmember Kopp
VOTE: Councilmember Kopp Aye
Councilmember Beddo Aye
Councilmember Edwardsen Aye
Councilmember McLaughlin Aye
Mayor Lisonbee Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action on authorization a large purchase by Big Plains Water District to purchase a large mobile backup generator.

Mayor Lisonbee- Explains this generator will be used to operate the pumps in the event of a power outage or line failure. This was approved by the Town Council in the past, we are asking for another \$2,500 to buy a trailer to be able to make the generator mobile.

MOTION: Councilmember Edwardsen moves to authorize Big Plains Water District to purchase a mobile generator and associated funds.
SECOND: Councilmember McLaughlin
VOTE: Councilmember Kopp Aye
Councilmember Beddo Aye
Councilmember Edwardsen Aye
Councilmember McLaughlin Aye
Mayor Lisonbee Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shamim Monshizadeh - States she doesn't know Richard Fischer and that she learned from today's meeting that he is a builder. She wonders if Richard Fischer knows that he will be required to refrain from making any decisions on planning commission items if there's a conflict of interest. She is wondering if the Town Council is aware of this and if Richard Fischer is aware of this.

Councilmember Beddo- Expresses that there are times when a conflict of interest can arise for any one of the planning commission or town council members. He feels that the council and commissioners understand the realm of conflicts of interests and take them seriously. He can't speak for Richard but from what he knows about Richard he would think that he is very much aware of the conflict of interest issues.

Shamim Monshizadeh - Could you tell me more about the training and experience that he would receive? Where does this training and experience derive from?

Councilmember Edwardsen- The training that he has is in his related field such as zoning, building and land use.

Councilmember Beddo- There are state training programs that are required for all Planning Commission and Town Council members. We regularly are required to do online training videos and whatever else is required. In addition to that, the Planning Commission and the Town Council have work meetings to ensure they are working on both the state and county level.

Shamim Monshizadeh - When will his training happen?

Councilmember Beddo- We will meet with the Town Administrator to get that scheduled and can provide that information once it's been scheduled.

Shamim Monshizadeh- Expresses she doesn't know Richard Fischer, she just wants to ensure that he will be honest and aware when conflicts do arise and be held to his integrity.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember moves to adjourn tonight's meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Edwardsen

VOTE: Councilmember Kopp Aye


Councilmember Beddo Aye

Councilmember Edwardsen	Aye
Councilmember McLaughlin	Aye
Mayor Lisonbee	Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Date approved: 3-10-2021



Marty Lisonbee, Mayor

ATTEST BY: 
