

**CITY OF EVART
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
March 20th, 2023 @ 7:00PM
Community Room at the Depot, 200 S. Main Street**

Mayor Chris Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Sean Duffy, Jim Schwab, Mayor Emerick, Matt Hildebrand, Sandy Szeliga

Present (staff): City Manager Pepper Lockhart, Finance Director/Treasurer Jennie Duncan, Downtown Development Director (DDA) Todd Bruggema, Director of Public Works (DPW) Don Duncan, City Clerk Andrea Grupido, City Attorney Jim White, Chief of Police John Beam

Guests: Mike Fulton, Kati Mora, Jim McBryde, Alton Brown, Al Fox, Mark Fuller, Ryan Keathly, Travis Douglas, Katelyn Vanapple, Ken Wirth

Board of Review Minutes

Duffy questions the minutes reflecting Ralph Carlson as being absent, yet further down it states he seconds a motion. The city manager will follow up on this. Duffy also asks if Don Maddern and wife Kathy Maddern being on the same board is a conflict of interest. David Kirwin investigated this issue before allowing this and found no conflict.

Backyard Ordinance


Duffy wants the language cleaned up in sections 4-73 (b4) and (b5), 4-74 and 4-75. Duffy proposes the city have an application that details the information to specify, therefore making it easier for the resident to fill out. Chief Beam would like the description of "egg laying chickens" changed to "chickens". Chief further recommends changing the language from "single-family or two-family residential" to only "single-family" to eliminate anyone living in a duplex. Chief also would like to see the addition of the clause "if the residence is sold during this 2-year span, or the person whose name is on the permit has moved, then the permit becomes null and void". Hildebrand brings up the issues of renters and suggests the landlord be required to sign off on the permit. Lockhart states there is still the matter of determining the permit fee.

Skate Park

Schwab brings up the idea of putting in a safe walk for anyone parking at the Depot and crossing the street to use the skate park.

Schmude Oil and Gas Lease

Mayor asks if we were able to verify whether or not there are any restrictions on the proposed property. Mr. White states that he checked with the register of deeds and there are no restrictions recorded. Lockhart is meeting with Arlene Anderson-Vincent from Ice Mountain on Thursday and will further verify.



Andrea Grupido, City Clerk