

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS,
CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD JULY 9, 2019.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT: Charles Fryar–Chairman
Rod Worthington-Vice Chairman
Demian Guthmiller
Tysen Hopkins

EXCUSED: Veda Mascarenas
Lori Ann

ALSO PRESENT: Alan Skinner, City Director
Jon Goode, Councilmember
Tausha Vorwaller, City Clerk
Andrea Haderlie, Secretary

6:05 PM Chairman Fryar called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Worthington moved to dispense with the reading and approve the June 11, 2019 minutes as written. Commissioner Guthmiller seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Vorwaller asked the commission if they had reviewed the new draft sign code and explained she added a few things to the original code. Clerk Vorwaller asked if there was anything else that needed to be added to the new draft. Chairman Fryar asked if the amendment would address the business complex sign issue. Clerk Vorwaller stated it would. Director Skinner asked if the code would cover tenants that rent buildings as well. The draft will cover the renter. The Commission reviewed State sign requirements and agreed to include a statement that all signs on the highway will need to comply with State statutes and setbacks and right a ways.

Chairman Fryar questioned whether it was necessary to regulate small flag poles. Director Skinner recommended taking out the minimum 10% in ground depth requirement for flag poles because some smaller poles still need at least a 36 in depth and suggested the city administrator or building official could decide. Staff discussed a conditional use process for taller poles. All agreed the city administrator or building official could review and approve special circumstances. Flag poles will follow height restrictions for buildings in each zone and should not exceed 65 feet. Councilmember Goode recommended classifying others than government flags as signage. The Commission and staff discussed at length the proper Flag etiquette, residential heights, special circumstances, political signs, and the fine for non-compliance.

Director Skinner-New business; the city has had multiple inquiries about solar panels; he suggested an addition was needed to the code for solar energy systems similar to the windmill code. He handed out two examples of methods used by City of Idaho Falls and City of Burley to manage solar systems. The citizen would be responsible for all set up and supplies to have solar panels added to their property and meter if necessary. The windmill code was briefly reviewed and Director Skinner stated he will be discussing the metering options with the City Council.

7:15 PM Commissioner Hopkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Worthington seconded. All in favor, motion carried.