

Harrisville City Planning Commission Meeting
363 W. Independence Boulevard
7:00 p.m. May 11, 2011

Commissioners: Jeff Pearce Staff: Shanna Edwards (Secretary)
 Ed Saunders Bruce Richins(City Council)
 Steve Weiss
 Roger Shuman
 Bob Howard
 Kathy Hohosh

Visitors: Ruth Pearce, Dave Robinson, Jess Robinson, Gloria Robinson

Chairman Pearce called the meeting to order and welcomed any visitors. Commissioners Eckersley and Knighton were excused.

1. PUBLIC HEARING / ACTION concerning a proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance, Commercial Land Use Title 11.12.020, to allow a crematorium as a conditional use in the CP-2 and MP 1 Zones.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Saunders motioned and Commissioner Weiss seconded with unanimous approval to open the public hearing.

DISCUSSION: Dave Robinson reported that he attended project management meeting last month and it was suggested at that meeting he apply for a text amendment to add a crematorium as a conditional use in the CP-2 Zone. He does pet cremations for animal hospitals from North Salt Lake to North Ogden. He has been operating in Clinton City for seven years with no complaints. His crematorium meets all federal and state emissions control requirements. The only problem may be the public perception of cremation of animals. He plans to locate north of 2358 North Highway 89. His intent is to purchase that property and put up a building on to house the crematorium and possibly some other future businesses. Commissioner Shuman mentioned that there are residential homes there east of this and he asked about odors. Mr. Robinson said that his crematorium has emissions control which takes care of this. He has never had a complaint on odors while they have been operating. He invited commissioners to take a tour of his facility in Clinton. He said it is a clean operation and the crematorium manufacture is reputable in the incinerator business. His is the same size as a human crematorium but shorter by two feet. It is similar to what Weber County Animal Shelter uses by the Weber County Fair Grounds except Weber County's is outside the building and his will be inside. Only things that might be visible from the building are heat waves and occasionally a light smoke, but that is seldom. They only load 250 pounds at a time and may have some remains waiting but they cycle them out of there quickly. When asked if he cremates for private individuals, he said that he does not want to get into public end of it. He mainly picks up from hospitals. Hours of operation were brought up and he said that he and his son both work full time jobs so some times they cremate in the day time or in the evenings, but usually it is after 3:00 p.m. Since he picks up at the first of the week, they burn mostly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and whether they burn the rest of the week depends on the volume. He gave Commissioner Shuman a phone

number to call so he can meet him at Quail Point Veterinarian Clinic, 868 North 2000 West in Clinton. It is about a three-hour process. He mentioned there is a possibility of doing human remains, but if he ever does, he will approach the city about it first. Once the incineration is done, he sometimes disposes of the ashes by burial in the land fill. After the process, there is still a lot of bone that they process into powder form. He disposes of some of the ashes on family owned land in Lost Creek. If the owners want the ashes back, he returns the ashes back to the hospitals for their clients. Bill Morris. He mentioned that Harrisville contracts with Weber County for animal services, and he offered to take commissioners to the Weber County crematory facility on Friday. He mentioned that the amendment is proposed as a conditional use in both C-2 and M-1 zones.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Saunders motioned and Commissioner Weiss seconded with unanimous approval to close the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Shuman motioned to recommend to the city council to approve the proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance, Commercial and Manufacturing Land Use Title 11.12.020, to allow a crematorium as a conditional use in the CP-2 and MP-1 Zones. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

2. Approval of Minutes of meeting held April 13, 2011.

MOTION: Commissioner Shuman motioned and Commissioner Weiss seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 13, 2011, as written. Voting was unanimous.

3. Public Comments. None

4. City Council Report

Bill Morris reported that at the meeting last night waste management received a five-year extension of their contract. They agreed not to raise rates for two years or impose a fuel surcharge. After that they will raise depending on CPI. City council approved the amended FY 10-11 budget, and approved the tentative budget for FY 11-12. They agreed to approve the new electronic sign for the city building subject to the sign ordinance being passed. The sign will be done by YESCO and they are looking for a new city logo that will go on the sign. Bill Morris reported that he essentially went through the sign ordinance and took out underlines and strike outs. And modified a few things to make it more business friendly. Edd Caulford retired as CERT coordinator and the council appointed Ruth Pearce as coordinator. The previous council meeting included street striping and maintenance contracts. Ruth Pearce mentioned that Harrisville is the only city in the state that has a CERT truck. She said the plan is to make it like shed on wheels equipped with supplies for emergencies.

5. Adjournment.

MOTION: At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner Hohosh motioned and commissioner Weiss seconded with unanimous approval to close the meeting. The next regular planning commission meeting will be held June 8, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the city hall.

Shanna C. Edwards
Secretary

Jeff Pearce
Chairman