

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION

May 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wascher at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by Anita Kimbrough, Assessing Assistant.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bruff, Tracy Butcher, Burton Fox, Sandy Harvey, Dallas Lintner and, Bill Wascher.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Kemp, Frank Livingston, and Cheryl McCormick-Voss.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Harvey and supported by Commissioner Fox to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2008 as presented.

YEAS: All, Motion Carried

NAYS: None

COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS:

No citizen comments.

Commissioner Butcher inquired if the Planning Commission is changing their meeting time back to 7:30 pm. John Archer, Building Official, indicated that a request must be taken to City Council to change the meeting time back to 7:30 p.m. It was decided to just keep the meeting time at 7:00 p.m.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Mr. Archer compiled a spreadsheet detailing the Rental Registration and Inspection Programs of 5 other cities in Michigan and presented this spreadsheet to the Commission. This spreadsheet compared the previous program of the City of Owosso to the current programs for Kalamazoo, Mt. Pleasant, East Lansing, Adrian, and Ann Arbor. Commissioner Harvey was concerned that none of the examples were comparable to Owosso in size and composition, but Brent Morgan, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, presented information about Fenton, MI that provided similar situations as Owosso.

Mayor Bruff commented that he would like to see commercial rentals become part of the registration and inspection program as well.

Mr. Archer indicated that starting this program would be a two-stage process. First the City would have a registration of all rentals to establish addresses, owners, and contact agents for each rental. This first step, according to City manager, Joe Fivas, would give the City a diagnosis of the rentals. If an issue is found during this registration process, then the City can take further steps with an inspection program.

Commissioner Harvey inquired what would be the next step in this process if the Planning Commission decided on a Rental Registration and Inspection Program. Mr. Fivas indicated City staff would compile figures and information for the next meeting that would show feasibility of such a program. With this additional specific information, the Commission can make decisions on further steps of implementation.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mayor Bruff and supported by Commissioner Lintner to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

AYES: All, Motion Carried

NAYS: None

Anita Kimbrough
Assessing Assistant