**Town of Portage Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes**

**From Wednesday May 4, 2022**

**Portage Town Hall**

**25880 N 9000 W Portage, Utah 84331**

**Attendance:** Norma Lasa, Ed Rogers, Richard Poppe, Chelsie Nelson, Darrell Bell and Mayor Max Huggins,

**Visiting:** Val Gibbs, Martina John, Laura Nelson and Grant Smith

**Opening Ceremony**

**Prayer: MemberPoppe Pledge of Allegiance: Member Rogers**

**Call to Order: Mayor Huggins @ 7:00 P.M.**

• Approve May 4, 2022 Planning & Zoning minutes

**I motion to accept the minutes with corrections by Member Lasa. Seconded by Member Nelson. All aye. Motion approves.**

**•** ORDER OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MTG-RESPECT FOR EVERYONE.

• Permit Updates. Mayor Huggins reported that all the permits that we have been working on lately all have been completed.

• Discussion and possible vote on section 110.1.-Mayor Huggins suggested that we make some changes to the ordinance. The difference will be you will run as your own board. A councilmember will be a liaison between the town council and planning and zoning. The planning will have its own chair, vice chair and secretary and will consist of 5 or 7 members.

Member Lasa questioned if the chair would be the first person to talk to with the clerk, if the information gets passed around information could get lost. Mayor Huggins stated that the chair, vice chair and the secretary would be on the website, you could have it setup however you want. Member Lasa stated she feels like she has done a lot of research and is okay leaving it as it is.

Member Poppe, stated that planning and zoning is just an advisory board and it seems simple. A member can take the minutes and not necessary need a secretary. We can put things into perspective and some things in the ordinances are ridiculous. We could make things organized and be done a lot better. We need to look at the ordinance and fix them. Something’s would be a hardship to people, we need to protect the country living.

Member Bell stated that is has been on the board is 18 years, the ordinance came from some other town.

Member Rogers, stated he thinks we need a member on the board that is a councilmember so we have leverage, we need to leave things as they are.

Member Nelson stated that the secretary is a paid position, so if we get our own would that be paid. Mayor Huggins stated no it would all be voluntary.

The members agreed to look at it and table it for the next planning and zoning meeting on June 1, 2022

• Standing agenda items: Discuss and vote on Codes/Ordinances-Table of Contents, Terms, Index, and Section :101-119

• Public Comments limited to (3) three minutes per person

* Laura Nelson- She addressed the board, she asked about short term rentals. She was concerned if we want to allow them in Portage. She is afraid it may hurt the housing, she encouraged the town to look into it. Member Poppe stated that is a scary topic you just mentioned. Short term don’t really care about it as much, it has a potential harm to the community.
* Val Gibbs thanked the board for everything, I appreciate your time and efforts.

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**Motion to adjourned @ 8:08pm by Member Poppe. Seconded by Member Nelson. All aye. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes by Clerk/Recorder: Gina Marble

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Clerk/Recorder Gina Marble Mayor Max Huggins