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

**From Wednesday September 7, 2022**

**Portage Town Hall**

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

**Attendance:** Norma Lasa, Ed Rogers, Richard Poppe, Darrell Bell, Wynter Simonson;

Absent: Lisa Bingham, Chelsie Nelson

**Visiting:** Martina John, Blanca Maldonado, Laura Nelson, Terra Bell

**Opening Ceremony**

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman Poppe @ 6:00 P.M.

* Approve August 3, 2022 Planning & Zoning minutes

**I motion that we accept the minutes for August 3, 2022 with corrections to be**

**made by Member Rogers. Seconded by Member Bell. All aye. Motion approves.**

* Public Comments limited to (3) three minutes per person
* Martina Lasa John: Ordinance 110 needs updated for Planning & Zoning, it was voted on July 20, 2022 and you still don’t have it. You can’t vote on Gordon Knudsen building because of the moratorium. Mayor says all new building permits are not allowed.
* Laura Nelson: We need to decide what we’re going to do about short term rentals in this city. Maybe we could allow a license for dog overages that is inspected and renewed annually?
* Terra Bell: My child just got bit by a dog, and all the police do is confront the owner, tell them the dog is vicious, and that it needs to be tied up or kennelled for the rest of his life.
* Discussion and possible vote on Gordon Knudsen garage/outbuilding permit.

After further investigation the building does meet sideyard specs. Member Rogers: it’s not a building with water connections. Chairman Poppe: correct, no additional water is being brought to the property. He already had planned on it with his original but wanted to be above the board. The purpose of the moratorium is for water issues, this has nothing to do with that.

**I motion to approve the other approved garage for the Knudsen residence located at 8745 W 25800 N Member Rogers. Seconded by Member Simonson. Member Bell, Rogers, and Poppe aye. Member Lasa abstains from vote. Motion approves.**

* Discussion and possible vote on Ordinance 107.0 Animal Regulations (aviary, apiary, kennel)

Member Bell: Apiary/beehives need a license through state or county, let’s leave it at that. Member Rogers: We have fresh new eyes, let’s discuss it. Member Lasa: The bees need to be managed or they will leave the property and cause problems. Chairman Poppe: Every person has a right to quiet enjoyment of their property. Keep in mind P&Z’s job is to both protect and respect property owners. We don’t have to police people, just provide town council with sound advice. Chairman Poppe: There’s a better definition of a kennel; it’s the establishment for breeding and/or sale of dogs and cats. The town could gain monetarily from monitoring licensing and complaints for kennels. Member Rogers: A business license system is needed for these types of things so we can gain funds as a town for all the stuff we take for granted. Member Lasa: People can anonymously complain to town hall regarding animals. Chairman Poppe: We need support from animal control.

**I motion that we table this 107.0 until next month and also possibly look at maybe the criteria for business licenses such as number of dogs to keep track of for income by Member Rogers. Seconded by Member Bell. All aye. Motion approves.**

* Standing agenda items: Discuss and vote on Codes/Ordinances-Table of Contents, Terms, Index, and Section :101-116. Removal of outdated or inapplicable Ordinances.

**Motion to adjourn @ 7:02pm by Member Rogers. Seconded by Member Bell. All aye. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes by Clerk/Recorder: Wynter Simonson

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Clerk/Recorder Wynter Simonson Mayor Max Huggins