



MINUTES

Carbondale Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Room 108, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall/Civic Center

Ms. Litecky called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: LeBeau, Sheffer, Miller, Hamilton, Litecky, Burnside, Love and Bradshaw (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Henson, Lilly

Staff Present: Taylor

1. Approval of Minutes:

Dr. LeBeau moved, seconded by Mr. Sheffer, to approve the minutes for December 12, 2018.

The motion to approve the minutes passed with a unanimous voice vote.

2. Citizen Comments or Questions

There were none

3. Report of Officers, Committees, Communications

There were none.

4. Public Hearings

There was none.

5. Old Business

There was none.

6. New Business

A. Election of 2019 Officers

Mr. Taylor said that there was an election committee meeting to nominate the officers for 2019, and they would like to re-nominate the current officers for another term, which would be Chair- Sandy Litchey, Vice Chair- George Sheffer and Second Vice Chair- Randy Burnside. There were no new nominations.

Mr. Hamilton move to make a motion to approve the re-election of the current officers, and was seconded by Dr. LeBeau.

Roll Call Vote

Yes – 7 (Miller, LeBeau, Sheffer, Hamilton, Burnside, Love and Litecky)

No – 0

Mr. Taylor stated that the new officers have been approved and there are no changes.

B. By-Laws Amendment 2/20/2019.

Mr. Taylor stated that the Planning Commission would like to amend the By-Laws in a way similar to City Council. Mr. Taylor also made minor corrections to the by-laws such as name changes and other grammatical errors, but the major change was in Article 10 Section 5.

Mr. Miller asked why the Planning Commission didn't have the same time limit structure as the City Council before now. Mr. Taylor stated that the City Council has just recently adopted the time limits and was very specific to the City Council and the Commission had not felt the need to add the time limit until recently. Mr. Miller asked if a citizen copies and pastes an article into a letter since all letters are to be read at the meeting, as there are ways around the time limit constraints. Mr. Taylor stated that it is his understanding and will verify with legal, but in the past there have been letters that have been made a part of the record, which makes the letters a part of the minutes and are reviewable at City Hall. Mr. Taylor also stated that the letters are formally recognizable as submitted and received as part of the record and does not believe the letter would have to be read at the meeting. Dr. Burnside stated that there could be ways around the time limit, such as having different people read from the same article. Mr. Sheffer stated that the chairman can also make a statement saying if any person has anything new to say to come forward but there cannot continue repeating the same statements. Ms. Bradshaw stated that with the Open Meetings Act you either have to have a time limit or there can be a time limit at all. Ms. Bradshaw also stated that at the City Council meetings, the Mayor will state that there will be no yielding of time, just the time limit that is given for the person and that's all. Mr. Sheffer stated that for the SIU Board of Trustees have a thirty minute time limit for questions, ask how many people in the audience wish to speak, count how many and divide that by the thirty minutes and that's how long they have to speak. There was further discussion on the different time limits.

Ms. Bradshaw asked if the voting would have to take place at the next meeting per the last article in the by-laws. Mr. Taylor stated that since the by-laws

was already an agenda item on the December 12th meeting, the voting can be done tonight.

Mr. Sheffer moved to make a motion to approve the amendments to the By-Laws of the current officers, and was seconded by Mr. Miller.

Roll Call Vote

Yes – 7 (Miller, LeBeau, Sheffer, Hamilton, Burnside, Love and Litecky)

No – 0

Mr. Taylor stated that the by-laws have been amended.

C. City Council Agenda from January 8, 2019, January 20, 2019 and February 12, 2019.

Ms. Bradshaw reviewed the City Council meetings as they related to Planning.

D. Ms. Litckey stated that the Neighborhood Alliance Committee will be meeting at 10:30 am on Saturday March 23rd 2019 at the Newman Center to meet the candidates running for Mayor and City Council.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Litecky adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.