

Planning / Zoning / Economic Development

June 4, 2025

Council Chambers

Minutes prepared by: Peter Schaffner

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm by chair Peter Schaffner. The members present were Peter Schaffner, Scott Feraro, Christine Williamson, and Ben Adank. Also present was John Schlesselman, Jim Kafer arrived at 4:35 pm.

Citizen appearance:

John informed the committee of an 8-county meeting he attended on the economic development of the area. Fountain City was well represented. Of note for Fountain City is the racetrack that holds events that attract up to five thousand people. Participants are looking for things to do between races that occur in the evening. Ask for places to rent boats, hike, get ice cream, get a tour of the river.

On a motion by C. Williamson, seconded by P. Schaffner to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025, meeting. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

Old business:

Review of the draft property management ordinance.

Committee made recommendations to:

- a) Remove the wording in 71-10 B. No snow or ice cleared as needed here may be removed from private property onto any public street or property.
- b) Define or remove the words in 71-11 B. normal residential use.
- c) Remove firewood from 71-11 B.
- d) Remove the words Housing and Building Standards Committee from 71-15 A.

New Business:

- a) Building Permit fees. Fee needs to cover city costs and not be punitive. The current cost is \$50.00.
- b) Board of appeals fee & pay. John spoke and explained our ordinance does not allow for the payment of board of appeals members. The committee will investigate changing the ordinance with a recommendation to pay appeal members the same as a council members committee meeting pay. Cost would be covered by the fee charged for the appeal process.
- c) Burning allow process & fees for extended permit. The committee revisited the ordinances and made the following recommendations. Permits will be issued by the

city using an on-line process, the permit will be good for a seven-day period. A note on the web application will require the permit holder to call the Buffalo County sheriff office nonemergency number each day they wish to burn, the fire department does not need to be notified but it will be noted that 911 should be called if at any time the permit holder feels they have lost control of the burn.

- d) Mobile home Management. Peter will do more research.
- e) Vehicle engine breaking. Scott will do research. Possibly get DOT help to enforce equipment standards.
- f) Review parking ordinance. (Ordinance Prohibiting the Parking of Vehicles on Yards of Residential Lots) Look at combining with current Parking ordinance #33.

Motion to adjourn by C. Williamson, seconded by S. Feraro. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Next meeting is set for July 7, 2025