

West Fork Planning Commission (WFPC)
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 19, 2015

CONVENE: 6:30, by Chairman Bill Griffith

ATTENDANCE: Jackie Bonner, Bill Griffith, Scott Oliver, Leslie Scates, Ron Sidebottom, Steve Williams, Joan Wright

Patrons and Guests: Jack Cunningham, Mayor Charlie Rossetti

FOIA Notice sent? Yes.

MINUTES: February 19, 2015 – Motion made to approve as written by Sidebottom, 2nd by Scates; Passed (7-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) City Limit project – Scott Oliver: Scott reported on his report to the last city council meeting. The council asked several questions, and ultimately requested more information which Scott will provide with a week, and will email his results to the commissioners.

1) Property taxes? Jackie will call the assessor's office to learn of the taxes for a sample property (1 acre, with dwelling; one acre, vacant) within city limits and in the rural area.

2) Insurance costs for the property owner? Each commissioner is to contact his/her insurance agent and ask for the insurance rates for in the city limit and outside the city. What determines the rate?

3) Cost to the City to service the new properties (Police, Fire, water service, etc.)
Will have to contact Butch Bartholomew, Utilities Director, for this information.

It was determined to concentrate the rest of this year on the portion of the city limit line east of Hwy 71, north from McGee Ave. After a public meeting to share information and get public input, the commissioners will decide their recommendation for city council.

b) Sidewalks. Mayor Rossetti recommends the following locations for consideration:

- From McKnight Street along Main Street to the bridge beside Riverside Park;
- From Main Street along White Street to Campbell.

The T.A.P. grant will fund up to \$500,000 per grant request; but since most cities of our size will be applying for funds, the mayor recommends that we keep our request to about \$100,000 this time. Hence, the two locations for proposed sidewalks now. When asked about how to determine costs, Bill told the easy way to determine the cost of a sidewalk: just the sidewalk – lay \$10-dollar bills end-to-end for the length of the sidewalk. For a sidewalk with curbing, gutters, etc – lay \$100 dollar bills end-to-end the length of the proposed sidewalk.

_____ (Chairman's initials)

NEW BUSINESS:

a) The terms of Commissioners Bonner and Williams will end this May 31. Bonner wishes to remain for a second term, and may be re-appointed by the commission. Williams wishes to not be re-appointed, so there will be announcements as to a vacancy on the Planning Commission. The Secretary will facilitate the publicizing of the announcement.

c) Other New Business?

PUBLIC FORUM (2 minutes per person): Jack Cunningham had several questions concerning the process of determining which properties would be affected by the re-drawing of the city limit lines, and what if land owners do not want their properties annexed into the city. The commission responded to his inquiries.

ADJOURN: Motion made to adjourn at 7:41 by Bonner, 2nd by Scates; passes (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wright, Secretary

Approved: _____ **Signed** _____
(date) (Chairman)