

Bluff Town Council Work Session
December 9, 2019

Bluff Community Center at 3:30 p.m.
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Minutes

The meeting started at 3:32 p.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Jim Sayers, Linda Sosa, Luanne Hook via phone, Brant Murray excused absence P&Z Amanda Podmore, Sarah Burak

1. Discussion of Lighting Ordinance Draft (All) 3. Questions on Lighting Ordinance for Amanda Podmore and Sarah Burak of Planning and Zoning (All)

Leppanen stated that the purpose of the work session was to discuss questions and concerns before the possible vote at Tuesday's regular meeting. She explained that P&Z did not include enforcement recommendations because they were unsure about what was appropriate. Leppanen and Sosa talked to Chris McAnany last week on the phone and he will be sending the Council enforcement recommendations. The Council felt that the ordinance was well done. Most of the discussion was about the section about light curfew. Podmore explained that it was for commercial businesses with noncompliant lighting and those businesses would turn off their noncompliant lights one hour after closing. Lighting for security and safety was allowed. Motels were exempt because they are considered always open. Sayers stated that it should specify exactly what type of lighting was subject to the curfew and for what period of time. He also felt that motels should not be exempt. Leppanen agreed that this section was problematic; it mentioned businesses that were closed for the season, which could have multiple interpretations. Hook reminded that all new installations must be compliant. Sayers suggested dropping that section. After discussion of that idea, the Council liked the idea for changing the wording and clearly stating that this was a phasing in as things change from noncompliant to compliant to give businesses time to make adjustments. There are grants available to help businesses and residents and they take time. Burak would like to see a community-driven team of people with skills and knowledge to take charge of this process, apply for grants and find additional resources. Several other suggestions:

Change compliance from two years to 18 months,

3-D change must to shall,

7-D1B add a link to International Dark Skies, and other appropriate places,

7-F2A sign copy area, add an image for clarity,

10-A define holiday lighting.

2. Discussion of Enforcement of Lighting Ordinance (All)

Leppanen will follow up with McAnany about the enforcement recommendations: if we do not get them tomorrow we will have to push the vote to December 17th.

4. Other

The lights at the CC are a good place to start.

Adjourn at 5:02 p.m. Linda Sosa Recording Officer