

PLANNING COMMISSION
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
Gladstone City Hall
Monday, February 6th, 2023
7:00 pm

Item 1 on the Agenda: Roll Call.

Present: Brenda Lowe, Secretary
Kate Middleton
Bill Turnage
Mike Ebenroth, Chair
Jennifer McGee
Kim Murch
Chase Cookson, Vice Chair
Steve Beamer
Cameron Nave

Absent: James New
Spencer Davis
Gary Markenson

Council & Staff Present:

Austin Greer, Community Development Director
Angie Daugherty, Admin. Assistant
Jean B. Moore, Mayor Pro Tem
Alan Napoli, Building Official

Item 2 on the Agenda: Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Ebenroth led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Item 3 on the Agenda: Approval of the December 19th, 2022 Minutes. Chair Ebenroth asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19th, 2022.

Mr. Nave moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Turnage seconded. The minutes were approved, 9-0.

Item 4 on the Agenda: Open Study Session: Draft on Domesticated Fowl & Bee Ordinance.

Mr. Greer read the staff report,

At the Monday, November 28th City Council meeting, City Council members considered a draft ordinance to address domesticated hens and bees in the City of Gladstone. Through the public hearing process, there was a positive conversation between residents, City Council, and City Staff about the proposed ordinance and possible additions.

City Council directed City Staff to work with the residents in attendance at that meeting to find adequate resolutions to their comments and questions.

The City Council also directed City Staff to work with the Planning Commission to hone in on the number of domesticated fowl for residents.

There were four (4) topics that emerged from that public hearing at the City Council meeting.

- Allow ducks to be included into the flock.
 - o City Staff has no issue with this request therefore changed the language to domesticated fowl. Depending on the number of domesticated fowl chosen, a duck would be included in that number count. For example, if the number of fowl chosen is six (6) then there could be any combination between hens and ducks to equal six (6) domesticated fowl.
- Allow for free roaming domesticated fowl.
 - o City Staff has no issue with this request and added section C. to the ordinance that states the following: Fowl shall be kept in a secured enclosure or fenced area at all times. The fencing material must consist of wood, vinyl, composite, chain link and constructed in a manner to contain domesticated fowl.
- Size of the coop. This is a simple math equation once the number of domesticated fowl are decided. City Staff is using 10 sq. ft. per domesticated fowl.
- The number of allowed domesticated fowl for residents and residents with documented medical conditions. This is the primary feedback that City Council is looking for at Monday night's discussion. All other topics have been resolved.
 - o City Staff has also incorporated section K. to the ordinance to allow for more domesticated fowl due to documented medical conditions.

City Staff is still recommending to Planning Commission and City Council to allow for six (6) domesticated fowl. Below, are examples of how many domesticated fowl other cities allow:

- Columbia, MO allows six (6)
- Springfield, MO allows six (6)
- Liberty, MO allows six (6)
- Independence, MO allows five (5)
- Prairie Village, KS allows six (6)
- KCMO allows fifteen (15)

On average, four (4) hens will lay approximately 24 eggs per week.

Through discussion at Monday night's Planning Commission meeting, City Staff is hoping the Planning Commission can provide the following information:

- Recommend a number of domesticated fowl allowed for a resident residing on less than 3 acres.
- Recommend a number of domesticated fowl allowed for a resident with documented medical conditions residing on less than 3 acres.

There were some residents that spoke in favor of having chicken.

The commissioners went back and forth regarding how many chickens they should agree upon.

There were a couple of commissioners that stated they would be agreeable to six hens non-medical and 12 for medical.

At the end of the night the vote came in 6-3 in favor of 15 chickens total. Not related to medical or not medical.

Item 5 on the Agenda: Communication from the Public

No communication

Item 6 on the Agenda: Communication from the City Council

Council Member Moore stated that she wanted to thank everyone for being part of this Planning Commission.

Item 7 on the Agenda: Communications from the City Staff

Mr. Greer stated that there are two new commissioners and he let them introduce themselves.

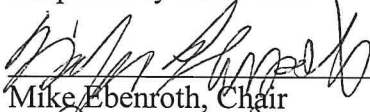
Item 8 on the Agenda: Communications from the Planning Commission Members

No communication

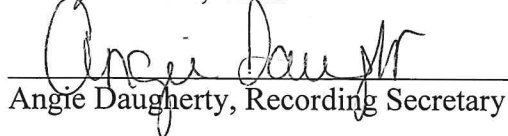
Item 9 on the Agenda: Adjournment

Chair Ebenroth adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Mike Ebenroth, Chair

Approved as submitted ☒


Angie Daugherty, Recording Secretary

Approved as corrected ☒