

**ELMORE COUNTY**  
**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES**

**Wednesday August 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

Chairperson Patti Osborn called the meeting to order. Members of the Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission present were Vice Chairman K.C. Duerig, Jeff Blanksma, Ed Oppedyk, Mitch Smith and Sue Fish. Also present were Attorney of Record Ralph Blount and staff members Director Mitra Mehta-Cooper, Diana Clark and Kacey Ramsauer.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Verizon Wireless, for a Conditional Use Permit to install a Wireless Communication Facility located in Mountain Home, Idaho; the property is zoned Agriculture. Case Number: CUP-2020-06. The site is located at Township 3 South Range 6 East Section 13. A common way of locating the property is to head west on American Legion Boulevard turn right on E. 2<sup>nd</sup> South St. for approximately 1 mile, turn right onto Canyon Creek Road for approximately 1.5 miles, turn right onto Domingo Road for approximately .6 miles, the property is on the left.

Jodie Knopp is representing the applicant Verizon Wireless. She stated that tower facility will include a 150-foot lattice tower with a 6-foot lighting rod at the top for a total height of 156 feet. She stated that there will be associated equipment placed at the base of the tower and the facility will be fully fenced, gated and locked. She stated that the facility will only generate on average one vehicle trip per month for maintenance. She stated its only interaction with the surrounding uses is to provide reliable 4G wireless communication services to customers in the area. She stated that the facility will be structurally engineered to meet or exceed local building code safety requirements as well as FCC and FAA requirements. She stated that it will also be engineered to accommodate additional wireless carriers if the opportunity arises.

Clark gave staff report and background.

There was no one signed up to testify in support or in neutral to the project.

Misty Pierce signed up in opposition. She presented the commission members a handout regarding 5G towers and the issues that may come with that.

This was entered into the record as public exhibit # 1.

She read from the handout the multiple issues that may arise from these new technologies and the burdens it may have on consumers and taxpayers.

Jodie Knopp stated that she wanted to clarify that the proposed facility is a 4G facility at this time and currently there are no plans that she is aware of to add 5G to the facility.

There was no further testimony.

Osborn closed this public hearing.

Commission Action:

Oppedyk moved to approve.

Duerig seconded.

Motion carries unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Update on Planned Communities

Mehta-Cooper presented the commission members with an update on the status of the Mayfield Townsite and Mayfield Springs planned communities.

FCO and Minutes

FCO for Case Number: CUP-2020-05.

Duerig moved to approve.

Smith seconded.

Motion carried with Oppedyk abstaining as he was not in attendance for this hearing.

Minutes from May 20, 2020.

Duerig moved to approve.

Blanksma seconded.

Motion carried with Oppedyk abstaining as he was not in attendance for this hearing

INFORMATION ITEMS


Upcoming P & Z Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:24 pm.

Approved

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9.16.20

Patti Osborn, Chairperson

Date:



09/16/20

Attest:  
Mitra Mehta-Cooper, Director

Date: