

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday January 13, 2016
Fairbury City Hall Basement

The Planning Commission held a meeting at 12 Noon. Chairman Rick Wilson was not in attendance; therefore, Greg Benoit acted as chairman. Tracy Taylor, Alderman David Slagel, Ron Schlipf, and Scott Rathbun were present. Mayor Lynn Dameron, City Superintendent Leroy McPherson, and PC secretary Stephanie Houser were also present.

Review of minutes for November 18, 2015– Motion by Greg, second by Scott and Tracy.

Patrick Huette would like to build a subdivision off 1st street, around the 900 north area. The layout of the development was given to the committee members by Leroy McPherson to review. The sewer services would come up from where the trail is and water would come up 1st street and then back in. Mr. Ficklin has stated that he would be interested in allowing services to run through his property as long as there is no cost to him. The street expenses would be given to the developer of the property and would be at least 10-12 lots. This development would help increase the population of the city and bring in more properties.

Ron Fehr will be selling his lots, but retaining lot 3 for future development. Lots 1,2,4,5 will be purchased from Popejoy's. Lot 5 currently has a building on it and the remaining lots will eventually have properties built on them by the Popejoy's and Ron Fehr.

An anonymous softlines retailer has shown interest in opening a business on the west side of Highway 24. This company has been in business for 40 years and they have stores all over the U.S. They are not comparable to a Walmart or a Dollar General. They would be looking to build a 20,000 sq. ft building on 3-4 acres of land. They were initially drawn in by Dave's supermarket and like the idea of locating to a town that is expanding and capable of supporting the other towns around it. They have had success in smaller towns and think Fairbury would be a great place to open their business. This would bring many jobs to the city and also generate more revenue.

Crop Production is still wanting to move to the northwest edge of Fairbury, but will leave the current anhydrous area at its current location in town.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Greg, Second by Scott and Tracy.

Stephanie Houser, PC Secretary