

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday September 14, 2016
Fairbury City Hall Basement**

The Planning Commission held a meeting at 12 Noon. Present were Rick Wilson, Ken Fehr, Ron Schlipf, Greg Benoit, Scott Rathbun, Mayor Lynn Dameron, Superintendent Leroy McPherson, and Planning Commission Secretary Stephanie Houser.

Review of minutes for June 8th and July 13th, 2106: Motion by Scott, second by Greg

The Occident Flour Sign has been restored and repainted by Dale Maley. Terry Zimmerman has been heading up projects around town to try and restore many of the buildings to their original state.

The Walton Centre and Lost Arts sidewalks are in need of repair, with the Walton Centre being more of a priority at this time. Motor fuel money may be used to repair the sidewalks and buy a tar machine to fill the cracks in the streets. It is an estimated cost of around \$110,000 to repair the Walton Centre sidewalk.

The Motel feasibility study has come back and determined that the demand for a hotel in Fairbury is not great enough at this time. If the City could get enough investors and the building costs down then the possibility of a hotel could be revisited next spring. Without investors the project is not feasible.

The Fairbury signs will be getting solar lights in the near future. The Rotary Club has bought one light and is having it installed by JR Electric, and the other was bought by an anonymous source.

Fairbury Furniture is having a going out of business sale. Owner Greg Benoit has decided to close due to limited time and management. Rick and Jeanne Wilson, owners of the Walton Centre, have decided to buy the business and hope to re-open in a month. The employees will all be the same, but the inventory will be new.

The Langstaff building is being purchased by the City of Fairbury. The delinquent taxes owed have also been paid by the City. The City will then decide whether the building is salvageable or needs to be torn down. The roof is currently caved in and leaking and would need other repairs. If the City decides to sell the property there would have to be a guarantee the purchaser can financially afford to renovate the building and a deadline will be placed as to when the construction will have to be finished.

The Paws Zone will be moving to a bigger building in order to keep up with the heavy demand of boarding and grooming. They will be located in the same building as EVT Global. The current building they are in is for sale.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Ron, second by Greg

Stephanie Houser, PC Secretary