

# PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 18, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roland Dalrymple, Chairperson  
Joel VanBecelaere, Vice Chairperson  
Gary Falchetto  
Laura Klusener  
Connie McGeorge  
Frank Slapar  
Earl Ward

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike Creel  
Francis DeMott

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Paul Stewart, PSU, 1701 S. Broadway, Pittsburg  
Ruth Lemon, 110 E. Carlton, Pittsburg  
Mark Turnbull, Director of Economic Development  
Todd Kennemer, Assistant Director of Public Works

The Pittsburg Planning and Zoning Commission met on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the Municipal Courtroom of the Law Enforcement Center, 201 North Pine. Chairperson Roland Dalrymple led the flag salute and then called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with seven (7) members present.

**The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2009.** Connie McGeorge indicated that there had been some questions asked about Codes Enforcement that needed to be added to the minutes (number of horses allowed in City limits [overgrazing] and possibility of landscape ordinance being prepared). Joel VanBecelaere moved, seconded by Connie McGeorge, that the minutes be approved with the correction as noted. Motion carried unanimously.

**The first order of business under Presentation of Requests and Petitions was consideration of a request submitted by Pittsburg State University to vacate the east/west alley from a previously vacated north/south alley on the east to Joplin Street on the west adjoining Lots 1 thru 5 and Lot 8 in Mellette's Addition to Pittsburg and all of Lot 1 and adjacent vacated (north/south) alley in Mellette's Second Addition to Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas.** Paul Stewart with the Office of Facilities Planning was present on behalf of PSU. The vacation of this alley would allow PSU the opportunity to expand its student housing along Joplin Street. PSU has purchased the properties in this area to allow for the construction of a \$9.6 million student housing complex that is scheduled for a construction start date of June 2009 and a completion date of August 2010. Mr. Stewart provided the Planning and Zoning Commission with a brief overview of the site plan for the proposed development. Todd Kennemer stated there is a sanitary sewer and telephone that exists in this alleyway, which are to be moved by PSU at their expense. Portions of the alley will need to be retained for utility purposes but not the entire length of the alley.

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PSU will need to grant an easement so the sanitary sewer for the cemetery maintenance building (located to the east of this property) can hook onto the existing manhole. Mr. Kennemer also said he received calls from AT&T and Cox Communications. AT&T says PSU is to relocate their poles and lines and they [AT&T] will remain in the alley until moving is complete. He was not able to contact Cox Communications and is assuming they [Cox] have the same circumstances since the cable lines share the poles with the telephone lines.

There being no one present to speak either in favor of or in opposition to the request, Laura Klusener moved, seconded by Joel VanBecelaere, that the Planning and Zoning Commission forward a recommendation to the Governing Body for **approval** of this request with the condition portions are retained for utility purposes. Motion carried unanimously. This recommendation will be presented to the Governing Body for their consideration during a **PUBLIC HEARING** on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2009.

There being no other business, Earl Ward moved, seconded by Connie McGeorge, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd Kennemer  
Assistant Director of Public Works