



**CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday December 5, 2017

**103 Water St. Elephant Butte, NM 87935**

**Call to Order** – Chairman Looney called to order 9:00 am

**Roll Call-** Chairman Charles Looney - Present  
Vice Chairperson Cathy Vickers – Present  
Commissioner Nathan La Font - Present  
Commissioner Sheridan Fuss - Present  
Commissioner Rick Harrison - Present  
Alternate Commissioner Mario Maez - Present

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST & STATEMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

*\*The Open Meetings Act is in effect and there is a three minute limit per speaker on all non-agenda items.*

**Approval of Agenda** -Commissioner Nathan La Font made motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the manager’s report, Seconded by Commissioner Rick Harrison. Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

**Approval of Minutes November 7** – Vice Chairperson Cathy Vickers made motion to approve Regular Meeting minutes of November 7, 2017, Seconded by Commissioner Sheridan Fuss with the correction to the P & Z Chair Chuck Looney Recusing himself from the vote for Chair. Motion Carried Unanimously 5-0

**Public Input** – Karen Corbet spoke with CID about making the storage container a permanent structure. She is waiting on approval from the Board.  
Mike Zimmerman relayed that he had his storage container before the ordinance was put into effect.  
Caleb Cooper Said he may have had the container before the ordinance but he did have it removed when he was cited. Wanted to know if he could now bring it back to his property.

**Manager’s Report**-I reported on the status of the restaurant and bar at the golf course. I relayed that I had spoken with Steve Villines about the tiny homes and he is still interested. He just needs to work out some details and may be getting back to us in the future. I reported on the numerous coyote sightings and the proposed trapping on private land. I reported on the upcoming drone ordinance.  
Commissioner Nathan La Font proposed that maybe the City look at permitting Drone use.

**Code Enforcement Report** – 94 complaints to date 69 have been animal complaints. 54 zoning permits issued. P & Z Board recommended submitting a printout of zoning permits issued at each meeting.

**Public Hearing action Items**

None

**New Business –**

Introduced new code enforcement officer.

Information and discussion on proposed drone ordinance – no action taken.

Discussion on Bell property – no action taken.

Discussion on storage containers – input from public on what they would like to see done with containers

Karen Corbet proposed making the structures permanent and aesthetically pleasing maybe put a fence around them, no more than 2 per property.

Michael Zimmerman proposed painting them to match the home or put a wall around them. They should be counted the same as any other storage and be allowed 5 per lot.

Caleb Cooper said that he does not see an issue with them. They look better than some storage buildings out there.

Vice Chairperson Cathy Vickers would like to investigate how lenders look at storage containers when lending for property purchases.

Commissioner Nathan La Font suggested that City Manager ask City Council if this issue is something that they see as a priority for revision and want moved to the top of the P & Z priority list.

**Old Business** – Comprehensive plan charts and graphs being updated by Sites Southwest.

**Commissioner Comments** – Commissioner Sheridan Fuss asked about date for January meeting. Date to remain Tuesday January 2, 2018.

**Adjournment** -

**Adjournment** – Motion Made by Commissioner Rick Harrison, Seconded Alternate Commissioner Nathan La Font, Motion Carried Motion Unanimously.

**Time – 10:08**