

CITY OF PRINEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING BRIEF

Tuesday, April 19th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

The complete minutes are available by digital recording

City Commission Members Present: Marty Bailey, Don Wood, Linda Chadwick, Deb Harper, Ralph White, Bob Orlando

Commission Members Not Present: Kevin Poole

Staff Present: Scott Edelman, Josh Smith, Jerry Brummer, Eric Klann

Provided Testimony: Stuart Kelly, Jerry Brummer, Eric Klann, Steve Forrester

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Marty Bailey called the Commission to order.

Public Hearing:

A. Cu-2011-101 for the placement of power lines in the M-1, M-3 & PR zones.

Staff: Summarized the addendum to the staff report and presented the additional information requested by the Commission at the previous hearing. Staff took a few questions and then the Chair opened the hearing for agency and public comment.

Agency: Engineering and Public Works staff discussed their concerns with putting underground power lines under the City's sewer and water lines as well as risks associated with blasting and drilling through the rock that is present in this area.

The City Manager spoke about the long and short term gains of the project.

Applicant: The applicant discussed the limitations and expense of placing the lines underground. He stressed the difficulties of drilling in what amounts to solid rock and the reasons for not choosing an alternate route. The alternate route poses line spacing issues, does not provide redundancy in the system and could get bogged down in multiple private property agreements or rejected all together.

PC: In the Commission's deliberations each member was reluctant to approve the lines overhead but with the evidence against burying the lines or using an alternate route the Commission voted for approval. Deb Harper made a motion in favor of the application; Bob Orlando seconded that motion, the motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 against.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. None

PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

A. At the previous meeting staff handed out the updated to the flood code; at this meeting staff asked the Commission if they would like a copy of the full study. A majority of the Commission said yes so individual copies were printed for each Commissioner.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

A. Scott Edelman briefly mentioned the promotion for himself and Joshua Smith to Planning Director and Senior Planner respectfully. These were title promotions only, salaries remain the same.

Meeting Adjourned:
