Planning & Zoning Commission
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PLANNING & ZONING MEETING
October 15, 2025
Paris Courthouse Commissioner's Room
PARIS, ID.

ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN ALBERT JOHNSON---Excused
KRISTY CRANE -VICE CHAIRMAN---Excused
SEAN BARTSCHI
DEVIN BOEHME
TODD TRANSTRUM
PATRICK REESE
ERIC BOMSTA
ADAM MCKENZIE on zoom---Excused
MITCH POULSEN, ADMINISTRATOR
WAYNE DAVIDSON, SECRETARY

Todd Transtrum, acting in place of the Chairman's absence and the Vice Chairman's absence started the meeting at 7:01 pm.
The pledge of allegiance was led by Patrick Reese.

Motion to approve the agenda is made by Sean Bartschi, seconded by Eric Bomsta, all in favor.

Motion to go into hearing for an application requesting approval of a rezone for the property of 3112 N 8th St. Montpelier is made by Eric Bomsta, seconded Sean Bartschi, all in favor.

Kathy Izat suggests the board change the way we do things on the agenda since, in her opinion, we have been doing it wrong for a long time.

Kyle Alred speaks. He is currently leasing this land for his business. He wants to rezone it for commercial use. He has the septic system already approved. Wants to build a 45' X 80' building to sell equipment and machinery. Power company has approved.
From the audience
Liowna Burdick has land on both sides of Kyle's land. She wants to say she is in favor.
No one against
Neutral, Roy Bunderson from Bloomington, feels we have put these people at odds. Thinks the community should be better at getting things done.

Motion to close the hearing is made by Devin Boehme, seconded by Patrick Reese, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Albert Johnson — Nov. 19, 2025

Albert Johnson, Chairman — Date

Mitch explains why it wasn't allowed last month. It was because the city's impact area had been misinterpreted for some time, they had to stop and get it correct.

Motion to approve the rezone for property at 3112 N 8th St. Montpelier to Commercial is made by Patrick Reese, reasoning it's directly adjacent to other commercial properties. Seconded by Devin Boehme, all in favor.

Findings of Fact and Conclusion for Ephraim and Tiffany Hoge Riverview Subdivision.

Motion to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusion for Ephraim and Tiffany Hoge Riverview Subdivision is made by Sean Bartschi, seconded by Devin Boehme, all in favor.

Deworth Williams lot split, Chris James representing them speaks. The lot is 1.28 acres in FH Lake shore zone next to HWY 89. Owned by people now that realized there hasn't been anything done for it for a long time. They want to divide it right in half for the remaining family. The board talks about the state wanting one access instead of two. He says they are willing to do that with some direction on how. The state will have input. The access from the HYW is steep it will be up to the owners to get that to work. Nothing else from the board. Mitch says this was proposed 3 years ago, but the applicants didn't show up then to the P & Z meeting.

Motion to approve the Deworth Williams Lot Split is made by Patrick Reese, seconded by Sean Bartschi all in favor.

Fire Suppression Development standards, we are following up on other discussions.
Mitch says we started on this a while ago. First proposed to get rid of the overlay zone, and make it simple, not require a lot split every time. If we can speed up the process for people that's what we are trying to do. Subdivisions are different, Question, is this a back door way to slow down development? Is it worth it. We are in a "right to die" state. Is this making things better for those in the valley? We only have one road along Fish Haven. It's becoming a bottle neck. This document restricts the freedom of the people. The overlay zone has run its course. Our duty is to protect the AG land and the interests of those who want to build or develop. Wayne says the code is working for building homes and it works for fire resistance. Maybe the board can back off on this. Insurance is brought up, it's expensive. Will it go down if we make regulations? Maybe Mitch can come up with some concepts for next meetings to build a plan around. Maybe limit the size of the lot splits and subdivisions. The fire chief wants some minimum standards for fire trucks concerning the roads and driveways.
Montpelier city impact areas are an issue.
Mitch will bring a proposal for discussion next month, on the overlay zone ordinance and maybe fire suppression.

Old business...covered

Motion to approve last month's minutes is made by Devin Boehme, seconded by Patrick Reese, all in favor.

Motion to adjourn is made by Sean Bartschi, seconded by Devin Boehme, all in favor at 7:59 pm