

**Alturas Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**

City Hall Council Chambers  
December 12, 2018 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Hall at 5:30 p.m.; followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. **Commissioners present:** Marlene Hamilton, Chris Lauppe, Tom Romero, and Robert Dolan **Commissioners absent:** None **Staff present:** Director Joe Picotte, Planning Liaison Mark Steffek, and Secretary Bobbi Jean Melbourn. **Public attending:** None

No one is present under the public forum.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Romero, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hamilton to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting. **ALL AYES.**

**Planning Director/Staff Reports:**

A use permit will be sought by a privately-owned company installing new, independent, dark fiber optic lines to support Amazon, Google, and other entities. The company is currently seeking a lot with the appropriate zoning and infrastructure to support the placement of a booster station and supporting equipment adequately. Discussions have begun pertaining to development standards including landscaping and fencing.

The Mennonites have purchased the old box factory located behind the Super 8 Motel and are in the process of cleaning it up. It will prospectively be used to sell hay and grains.

Chairman Hall suggested the new owners contact Modoc County Public Health in the interest of entering into a cooperative parking agreement.

Charter Communications continues to update their system and should provide the City with an alternate option for internet by next summer.

T-Mobile is up and running. They have completed their circuit with one tower on Cemetery District property and another at Alturas Ranches. Service is now available in our area.

Discussion ensued concerning updates to the Zoning Ordinance Municipal Code relevant to the process of sign and nuisance abatement. Director Picotte reiterated the need for fines and penalties as a means of accountability to property owners. Further discussions will be approached at the City Council level.

Suspension of burn permits has been lifted.

**Planning Commissioner's Reports:**

Commissioner Dolan inquires as to when the missing fire hydrant on N. West C Street near 7<sup>th</sup> Street will be replaced. Director Picotte will look into it and adds that some of our

hydrants date back to the 1930's. Thus, replacement parts for some hydrants are obsolete. Picotte's department has applied for funding to replace fire hydrants.

Commissioner Lauppe describes a sign and light which hangs over 1<sup>st</sup> Street. It appears to be unreadable and inoperable. Director Picotte will consult the Fire Chief about this matter.

With no further business to come before the Commission, **MOTION** by Commissioner Romero, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dolan to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. **ALL AYES.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Jean Melbourn  
Secretary