

The regular meeting of the Hayden Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Angie Robinson at 7:00 p.m. Other members present were Amy Williams, Donna Hellyer, and Jared Aylor. Absent was member, Tim Frentress. Town Manager, David Torgler, Police Chief, Greg Tuliszewski, Town Clerk, Sharon Johnson, and Town Planner, Greg Thompson with RG and Associates, LLC were also in attendance. Steamboat Pilot reporter, Matt Stensland was in attendance. There were 20 public attendees.

**Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**      **Chairman Robinson** asked for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consideration of Minutes**      **Donna Hellyer** moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 12, 2015 as written. **Jared Aylor** seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**      None.

**Old Business**      None.

**New Business**

**Discussion: Marijuana grow facilities**      **Greg Thompson** of **RG & Associates** presented background information regarding land use codes and marijuana grow facilities and considerations based on experiences of other Colorado municipalities. **Rodney McGowan**, of **Hidden Springs, Hayden, CO** presented his reason for requesting reconsideration of a grow facility in the Town of Hayden. The Planning Commission discussed the information presented by **Greg Thompson**; whether to allow a grow facility within the town limits; potential town income; code enforcement; unintended consequences; the process applicants will need to follow; impacts experienced by other municipalities; visibility, security, water usage and what are other Yampa Valley municipalities doing. The Planning Commissioners voiced both support and non-support of a grow facility. The Planning Commissioners would like more information regarding separation distances set in other municipalities to separate grow facilities from churches, schools and residentially zoned neighborhoods, state regulations and enforcement, mold concerns, whether the number of facilities should be permitted, defining how many marijuana plants growing at one site makes it a commercial grow operation and conditions to consider when permitting this use. Planning Commissioners expressed that this use should only be considered in the Town's industrially zoned neighborhoods. **Greg Thompson** will provide additional information regarding state regulations and conditional use considerations. This will be addressed at the next Planning Commission meeting. **Louis Nijsten, Leslie Hockaday, Gordon Dowling, and Travis Mathey** from Hayden

addressed the Planning Commission. Patrick Delaney and Cindy Wright of Routt County and Hayden School District addressed the Planning Commission. The public voiced support for grow operation use and concerns. The public concerns included town image, small police department, security at the facility, and impact on the police department.

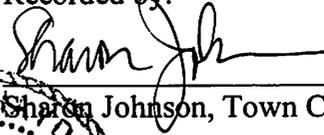
**Staff and  
Commission  
Member Reports**

Greg Thompson advised the Commissioners that M & J Storage facilities is preparing a site plan for review at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**Adjournment**

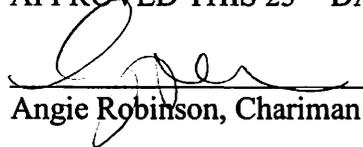
**Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.**

Recorded by:



Sharon Johnson, Town Clerk

APPROVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF April, 2015



Angie Robinson, Chariman

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