The regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning meeting of February 18, 2016 was called to order at 5:30pm by Chairman Chris Rawlings. Present for the meeting were: Planning and Zoning Members Andy Howe, Dave Gray, Brad Hanson, Wally Cossairt, Sue Larson, Planning and Zoning Administrator Lisa Ailport, Planning and Zoning Assisstant Claire Marley and Office Clerk Christine McNair. No public was present.

Wally moved to approve the January 21, 2016 minutes as presented. Sue seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chris opened the public hearing for Amendment file 03-15 Downtown District. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider making a recommendation to City Council to amend, Title 11, Chapter 2 of the zoning code to incorporate a new zoning district to address standards for the downtown area at 5:31 pm.

Lisa explained a legislative public hearing process and gave a power point presentation.

Andy asked about kennels in the downtown district. The board decided to prohibit kennels in the downtown district.

There was no public present. No public testimony was given.

The public hearing was closed at 5:45 pm.

Andy moved to recommend approval to City Council of this file AM03-15, amending the City of Bonners Ferry Code, Title 11, Chapter 2, Zone District and Map providing for a new zoning district for the downtown area and providing for new regulations and uses within the new zone, finding that it is in general accordance with the City of Bonners Ferry's Comprehensive Plan as enumerated in the following findings and reasoned decisions provided below and evidence submitted up to the time the Staff Report was prepared and testimony received at this hearing. I further move to adopt the following findings and reasoned decisions as written.

This amendment is supported by the City of Bonners Ferry's Comprehensive Plan.

Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Lisa introduced Claire Marley, her assistant. Claire has 27 years of experience with planning and zoning.

Parking regulations, subdivision ordinance, home occupation and home based businesses were discussed.

Chris feels that parking standards should be a priority.

Minor subdivision changes were discussed. Brad feels that the language would have to be very concrete. He is in favor of streamlining the process as long as the process is very clear. Lisa will work on language for the changes.

Lisa will work on language for the home based business and home occupation.

The memo from Idaho Smart Growth regarding the comprehensive plan was discussed.

The next meeting will be March 17, 2016.

Dave moved to adjourn. Wally seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Chris Rawlings, Chairman

Attest:

Christine McNair, City Office Clerk