Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing is being scheduled to review specific chapters of the comprehensive plan that are determined to be in need of updating. Community volunteers on the Joint Planning Committee have worked to make suggested amendments to the plan; the specific chapters being reviewed at this time include: Chapter 1 Private Property Rights, Chapter 3 Housing, Chapter 4 Economic Development, Chapter 5 Education and Chapter 11 Community Design. This hearing is an opportunity for the community to provide input regarding the proposed changes. The proposed changes can be found on Gem County’s website, gemcounty.org and the City of Emmett’s website, cityofemmett.org.

The hearing will be held on February 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Emmett Middle School auditorium.

The volunteers on this committee have varying experience and opinions and have worked to provide proposed changes that they feel make sense for our community. Community members also have varying experience and opinions. Should you disagree with any of the proposed changes, this hearing is your opportunity to share your ideas and suggested wording specific to the sections up for review. If you agree with the proposed changes please share that as well. You may share your ideas in writing prior to the hearing or in person by attending and speaking at the hearing.

Please keep in mind that those serving on the committee as well as city and county staff that assists them are members of our community that deserve to be treated with civility. They are your neighbors, possibly parents or grandparents of your children’s friends. They are people volunteering to aid our community in preparing and maintaining a plan that is not only required by state law but also a plan that maintains some semblance of order for the growth occurring in our community now as well as that which will happen in the future. Specific developments are not the focus of discussion for this particular hearing. This plan does not address specific developments but it rather serves as an overall community planning guide for future orderly growth and development.

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