Mission of the City of Courtland
We envision Courtland as a city with managed growth, which offers a high quality of life for individuals, families and businesses at an affordable cost.

Planning Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 18, 2026

Present: Commissioner Chair Ed Mages
Commissioner Al Poehler
Commissioner Julie Holm
Commissioner Tiffany Hoffmann
Commissioner Natasha Goblirsch

Absent:

Visitors: Nicole Brinkman(LDR HOME CARE)

The regular scheduled Planning Commission and meeting was opened by Commissioner Chair Mages on June 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtland City Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Hoffmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2026 Planning Commission meeting. Poehler seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Public Hearing for Variance Application by LDR HOME CARE LLC
Nicole Brinkman representing LDR HOME CARE is present to discuss variance application to request setback change on property at 313 4th Street. The request is to allow for addition to be built in NE corner of property filling in space of two buildings currently on the property that would come within five feet of property line. Ms. Brinkman has since found that rear property line is closer to the buildings than previously figured and the addition that has been proposed would bring it to within one foot of the line. The current building along the eastern or rear line is only five feet from the line, they were built before ordinance and zoning was adopted. The adjacent property to the east is a former gravel pit and there is a slope now after the mining and reclamation was completed. Commissioners discuss the area east of proposed addition, it is not a slope as behind the current building that sits along the rear property line. Ms. Brinkman will be having new design drafted to make the addition follow the eastern building, commissioners agree this is a viable option providing the adjacent property is flat as previously discussed, if the area is sloped, the setback from it would override city ordinance.

Commissioners are in agreement that the circumstances warrant allowance of the variance to build to a five foot setback than ordinance ten foot setback with condition that the adjacent property is not sloped causing condition of setback from the slope.
Holm made a motion to approve and forward to council for approval of the variance of five foot setback with condition of meeting slope setback requirements. Goblirsch seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Holm has provided copies of ordinance example to put more enforcement into current ordinances for nuisance, blight and permit violations. There have been numerous complaints of properties with multiple vehicles being stored on properties causing it to look like junkyard. These are historically hard to get cleaned up as city cannot just go on properties and remove them. Commissioners would like to have attorney draft something that fits with our ordinances, this will take time from attorney and may not be ready for next month's meeting but could by August. Holm will forward to attorney.

Poehler made a motion to adjourn. Hoffmann seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Mages, Commissioner Chair

Julie Holm, City Clerk