

Planning Commission Secretary/Coordinator

The City of Bryant is accepting applications for **Planning Commission Secretary/Coordinator**. Starting salary \$14.15 per hour plus, commensurate with experience. Great benefits package included! Applications may be completed online at www.cityofbryant.com or picked up at the Human Resources Department at 210 S.W. 3rd Street, Bryant, AR 72022. A City application must be completed and submitted to be considered for this position. Position closes at 5:00 p.m., September 26, 2016 or until filled. The City of Bryant is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

This job description should not be interpreted as all-inclusive. It is intended to identify the essential functions and minimum qualifications of this job. The incumbent(s) may be required to perform job-related responsibilities and tasks other than those stated in this job description. Nothing in this job description restricts the City's right to assign or reassign job-related responsibilities and tasks to this job at any time. Certain functions are understood to be essential. These include, but are not limited to: attendance, getting along and communicating well with others, ability to provide great customer service, working a full shift, dependability, leadership, and dealing with and working under stress. Any essential function of this position will be evaluated as necessary should an incumbent/applicant be unable to perform the function or requirement due to a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations for the specific disability will be made for the incumbent/applicant when possible or as required by applicable law.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF POSITION

Compiles and maintains records of the Planning Commission and office activities and assists the City Clerk.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Responds to inquiries from developers and/or land owners in a professional and knowledgeable manner. Copies data and compiles records and reports. Maintains a database of planning-related information including community economic data, organizations and individuals concerned about planning issues, various resources, etc.
2. Prepares the agenda of items to be considered at meetings and attends all meetings of the Planning Commission and keeps the minutes of each meeting.
3. Maintains record of the rules and regulations of the commission and current membership of the Commission with their terms of office.
4. Greets and assists visitors as needed. Answers the phone, takes messages and directs calls to proper individuals or departments. Receives, counts, and reports payments for fees on zoning, copies, etc.
5. Assists the City, applicants and developers with land use proposals including proposals for site plan reviews and approval, zoning changes, development permits, subdivisions, related ordinances, and activities subject to the City's future needs.
6. Reviews development plans for compliance with City zoning and subdivision regulations and any other land use/development codes.
7. Coordinates planning programs with Saline County, particularly in the area of the comprehensive plan and the determination of the Urban Growth Boundary, and with other governmental agencies or community organizations such as the Bryant School District, the Saline County Economic Development Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and other groups or agencies with an interest in the development of the Bryant area.
8. Researches appropriate financial assistance from State and Federal agencies for the implementation of the City's land use plans and community and economic development plans and, as directed, applies for same.
9. Conducts research projects such as annexation policies and development concerns.
10. Transcribes letters, reports, statements and other material as assigned.

11. Provides staff support to the City Council, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment. Coordinates with City Attorney, City Engineer and City Planner as necessary on controversial Planning Commission cases.
12. Assists City Clerk with elections and Improvement District procedures as well as with maintaining records from council meetings, ordinances, resolutions, annexations, etc.
13. Remains informed on new trends and practices in the field of urban planning and development.
14. Serves as Bryant Decennial Census Coordinator.
15. Regular and punctual attendance is an essential function of this position.
16. Ability to effectively communicate and foster positive relationships with team members.
17. Ability to work overtime.
18. Perform any other related duties as required or assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty mentioned satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Knowledge of a specialized field (however acquired), such as basic accounting, computer, etc. Equivalent of four years in high school, plus night, trade extension, or correspondence school specialized training, equal to two years of college, plus 2 years related experience and/or training, and 12 to 18 months related management experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Ability to read a limited number of words and recognize similarities and differences between words and between series of numbers; Ability to write and speak simple sentences as a means for basic communication. Ability to read and understand simple instructions, short correspondence, notes, letters and memos; Ability to write simple correspondence. Ability to read and understand documents such as policy manuals, safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals; Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to effectively communicate information and respond to questions in person-to-person and small group situations with customers, clients, general public and other employees of the organization. Ability to read, analyze, and understand general business/company related articles and professional journals; Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees. Ability to write reports, business correspondence, and policy/procedure manuals; Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from groups of managers, clients, customers, and the general public. Ability to read, analyze, and understand common scientific and technical journals, financial reports, and legal documents; Ability to respond to complex or difficult inquiries or complaints from customers, regulatory agencies, or members of the business community.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

Ability to work with mathematical concepts such as probability and statistical inference, and fundamentals of plane, algebra, solid geometry and trigonometry.

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of known variables in situations where only limited standardization exists. Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram formats.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Valid Arkansas driver's license.

PREFERRED CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Certified Planner

SOFTWARE SKILLS REQUIRED

Advanced: Alphanumeric Data Entry, Presentation/PowerPoint

Intermediate: Contact Management, Spreadsheet, Word Processing/Typing

Basic: Database

INITIATIVE AND INGENUITY

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Under general supervision where standard practice enables the employee to proceed alone on routine work, referring all questionable cases to supervisor.

PLANNING

Considerable responsibility with regard to general assignments in planning time, method, manner, and/or sequence of performance of own work; may also occasionally assist in the planning of work assignments performed by others within a limited area of operation.

DECISION MAKING

Performs work operations which permit frequent opportunity for decision-making of minor importance and also frequent opportunity for decision-making of major importance; the latter of which would affect the work operations of other employees and/or clientele to a moderate degree.

MENTAL DEMAND

Moderate mental demand. Operations requiring almost continuous attention, but work is sufficiently repetitive that a habit cycle is formed; operations requiring intermittent directed thinking to determine or select materials, equipment or operations where variable sequences may be selected by the employee.

ANALYTICAL ABILITY / PROBLEM SOLVING

Directed. Supervisory and/or professional skills using structured practices or policies and directed as to execution and review. Interpolation of learned things in moderately varied situations where reasoning and decision-making are essential.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws. Responsibilities may include but not limited to interviewing, hiring and training employees; planning, assigning and directing work; appraising performance, rewarding and disciplining employees; addressing complaints and resolving problems.

Supervises a small group (1-3) of employees in the same or lower classification. Assigns and checks work; assists and instructs as required, but performs same work as those supervised, or closely related work, most of the time. Content of the work supervised is of a non-technical nature and does not vary in complexity to any great degree.

Supervises the following departments: Not indicated.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNDS, PROPERTY and EQUIPMENT

Occasionally responsible for organization's property where carelessness, error, or misappropriation would result in moderate damage or moderate monetary loss to the organization. The total value for the above would range from \$5,000 to \$150,000.

ACCURACY

Probable errors would normally not be detected in succeeding operations and could possibly affect organization-patron relationship, involve re-work, or additional expenditures in order to properly resolve the error. The possibility of such errors would occur quite frequently in performance of the job. May also cause inaccuracies or incomplete information that would be used in other segments of the organization as a basis for making subsequent decisions, plans, or actions.

ACCOUNTABILITY

FREEDOM TO ACT

Generally controlled. General processes covered by established policies and standards with supervisory oversight.

ANNUAL MONETARY IMPACT

The amount of annual dollars generated based on the job's essential duties / responsibilities. Examples would include direct dollar generation, departmental budget, proper handling of organization funds, expense control, savings from new techniques or reduction in manpower.

None. Job does not create any dollar monetary impact for the organization.

IMPACT ON END RESULTS

Modest impact. Job has some impact on the organizations end results, but still from an indirect level. Provides assistance and support services that facilitates decision making by others.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Regular contacts with patrons, either within the office or in the field. May also involve occasional self-initiated contacts to patrons. Lack of tact and judgment may result in a limited type of problem for the organization.

EMPLOYEE CONTACT

Contacts of considerable importance within the department or office, such as those required in coordination of effort, or frequent contacts with other departments or offices, generally in normal course of performing duties. Requires tact in discussing problems and presenting data and making recommendations, but responsibility for action and decision reverts to others.

USE OF MACHINES, EQUIPMENT AND/OR COMPUTERS

Regular use of complex machines and equipment (desktop/laptop computer and software, road and production machines and equipment, driver's license/cdl, etc.)

WORKING CONDITIONS

Normal working conditions as found within an office setting, wherein there is controlled temperature and a low noise level, plus a minimum of distractions.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The following work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the functions of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to outdoor weather conditions. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

The following physical activities described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions and expectations.

Moderate diversity, low physical. Work activities which allow for a moderate amount of diversity in the performance of tasks which are not as varied as those positions with high-level diversity and decision-making.

While performing the functions of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear; frequently required to sit, use hands to finger, handle, or feel; and occasionally required to stand, walk, reach with hands and arms, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 10 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision; color vision; and ability to adjust focus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ability to attend evening meetings of the Planning Commission or City Council if required.