

Regular Minutes of the
Ashland City Planning Commission
June 5, 2006

The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on June 5, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Chairman Joe Macha called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Commissioners present: Ed Nichols, Mayor Norwood, Yvonne Stinnett, Hadley Williams and Joe Macha.

Commissioners Absent: Dwayne Noe and Jim Yates.

Others Present: Michael Armstrong and Franklin Wilkinson

A motion was made by Macha, second by Williams to approve the May 2006 minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum: None

Old Business: None

New Business

Amend Adult entertainment ordinance.

Macha opened the floor for discussion and asked Mr. Armstrong for an explanation of what will be amended. Mr. Armstrong side that Adult Entertainment is basically allowed in the C-2 Zoning as a special exception. The new ordinance will allow adult entertainment in the I-2 Zoning as a Special Exception making the use more restrictive. The old section will be deleted and the new section will be added. Nichols asked if he had a petition to open an adult entertainment bookstore, could it be done. Williams said he thought Ashland City would never have an adult bookstore. Mayor said we could not completely rule it out. Nichols asked if he could open an adult bookstore and be grandfathered in. Mr. Armstrong explained that as it is now adult entertainment is only allowed as a Special Exception in the C-2 zoning. The amendment will make adult entertainment more restrictive by making it a Special Exception in the I-2 Zoning. It will still have to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals for approval.

Macha asked for a voice vote of the approval to forward to the City Council the amendment of the Adult entertainment ordinance. Approval passed unanimously by voice vote.

Other:

Angela R-Fernandez needs 2 signed copies of the Program Design.

Mr. Armstrong explained that the State Regional Planner has presented a Program Design which is basically an overview of the past calendar year and sets goals for the upcoming year. Mayor said that the term expirations on page 3 was not accurate and Williams terms

listed was not correct. Williams asked where am I at? Mayor asked if it is standard practice to have 5 year terms. Stinnett said she has served under 2 mayors. Williams said he has served under 2 mayors. Mr. Armstrong said the terms are 2, 3, 4, & 5 years and is a standard.

Mayor asked if there is an ordinance preventing Christmas lights from staying up year round. Mr. Armstrong said he will talk to the State Planner for suggestions. Mayor asked if State law prohibits propane tanks from being located in someone's front yard. Mayor will check with Chief Walker to see if there are any restrictions. Nichols said the state regulates where propane tanks are located on properties. Macha said he has a 100 gallon tank right by his house.

Williams said thank you to the mayor for putting up flags in memory of the Korean War Veterans. Mayor asked what is the status of the tornado damaged trailer next to the Tobacco Patch. Mr. Armstrong said the clean up process started today and will continue until it is completed. Macha asked about Brook Hollow. Mr. Armstrong said we are diligently working with property owners to clean up Brook Hollow.

Williams asked if streets have been paved. Mayor said yes and named streets that were paved. Mayor said he is not happy with TDOT on the clean up of the new by-pass.

Mr. Armstrong said that one of the Eckerds drains at the entrance to South Main St. is complete.

Williams wants a police officer to the Senior Citizens Ctr. To talk about safety. Mayor said he should contact Mr. Coulon.

Stinnett asked when will we have a waking track. Mayor said we are in the process and the new track will be open by June. Stinnett said the new bridge on Highway 49 will be named after Gary Reese. Nichols asked when will the city start paving on Sycamore and Brinkley St. Mayor said we are waiting to the water line. Nichols said parking is a problem on Brinkley St. Mayor said it is a police matter and the police will enforce parking if necessary. Macha said parking on the streets is also a problem in Ashland Estates. Mayor said the he will talk to Mark Coulon. Williams asked if anything could be done about loud music in vehicles and the noise ordinance. Mayor said we have issued a lot of tickets and will continue to do so. Williams asked about litter on Highway 12. Stinnett agreed there is a lot of litter on Highway 12 South. Mayor said the Cheatham Co. litter patrol routinely picks up the litter on Highway 12.

A motion was made by the Mayor and seconded by Stinnett to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.