

Regular Minutes of the
Ashland City Planning Commission
April 2, 2007

The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on April 2, 2007
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, Dwayne Noe, Yvonne Stinnett, Hadley Williams,
Joe Macha, and Jim Yates.

Commissioners Absent: Gary Norwood,

Others Present: Michael Armstrong, Franklin Wilkinson, Sharon Caton, Lisa Keylon,
John Rankin, Murry Hawkins, Penny Brooks.

Macha requested a motion to approve the minutes from March 5, 2007 and the minutes
from March 28, 2007. A motion was made by Noe and 2nd by Stinnett to approve both
sets of minutes as typed. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Forum: John Rankin requested to approach the Commission. John Rankin said the
ordinance before the Commission has not been made available to the public. It was
publicized on March 21, 2007 for the March 28, 2007 meeting but has not been made
available to the public. John Rankin said we have requested a copy of the ordinance prior
to this meeting but have not been allowed to look at it and has been refused access to it. It
is supposed to be public information prior to the meeting. From the time it is publicized
you don't have to publish the entire text in the paper but State Law requires it be
available for the public when it is publicized in the meeting. That is a legal issue. Always
when you have an ordinance before you it has to be made available to the public and for
some reason in this case it has not. Lisa Keylon asked John Rankin if before today he
made an effort to get a copy of the ordinance. John Rankin replied he had not made an
effort. Lisa Keylon asked if today was the only day he made an effort. John Rankin
replied "absolutely". I think it was very rare that the notice was 7 days prior instead of 10
days. Between the 28th and today, which was mainly a weekend, today being Monday, I
had not had a chance to review the final version until today. I believe the final version
just came out this afternoon. Nichols said this body is presenting this ordinance to the
City Council. It's not an ordinance at this time. What you are looking at today is still a
draft. City Council has the right to make any modifications to the ordinance it wishes.
John Rankin said if the City Council makes any changes to the ordinance it must come
back to the Planning Commission as required by State Law. Before the Planning
Commission submits the ordinance to the City Council it must be made available to the
public for view per the "Tennessee Open Meetings Act". It has not been made available
for review in fact it was not available for review 2 hours prior to the meeting. Sharon
Caton said at the March 5, 2007 Planning Commission meeting the ordinance was
submitted for review. The Special meeting was called to review the ordinance line by line

and make modifications. This ordinance has been available since the first meeting in March 5, 2007 and at every meeting after. It has also been available in the Planning office since March 5, 2007. The changes made between the 28th and tonight were changes that the Commission requested to make the ordinance broader. Yates asked Rankin if he was present at the March 5, 2007 Planning Commission meeting. Rankin replied “absolutely” but all he was saying is that he requested a copy and was told he could not have one. Yates agreed he should have a copy.

Old Business:

Macha asked if the Commission requested any changes to the ordinance. The ordinance had already been approved contingent on changes and the latest draft reflects the changes. There is no vote necessary.

A motion to adjourn was made by Williams and 2nd by Stinnett.

Meeting was adjourned at **5:52 P.M.**

Chairman Joe Macha