

Regular Minutes of the
Ashland City Planning Commission
March 5, 2012

The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on March 5, 2012 At 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Chairman Chris Lacrosse called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Commissioners present: Yvonne Stinnett, Hadley Williams, Roger Jackson, Gary Norwood, Mayor Johnson, Chris LaCrosse

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Michael W. Armstrong, Cherie Akers, Franklin Wilkinson

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Stinnett and 2nd by Williams to approve the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting from February 6, 2012. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Forum: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Amend Zoning Ordinance – Nonconforming Uses – Delete Section 6.029 Discontinuance by deleting it in its entirety and replacing with an ordinance that is in compliance with the amended Tennessee Code Annotated 13-7-208.

Ackers addressed the Commission and stated that this amendment is regarding the discontinuance of non-conforming uses. Section 6.029 of the Zoning Ordinances allows for a discontinuance of up to one year before loosing a non-conforming status however, the State statute now allows for discontinuance of 30 months before loosing non-conforming status. This proposed amendment brings our Zoning Ordinance in compliance with the minimum State requirements. Given the possibility of State statute changing again in the future the Ordinance was written to follow compliance with State statute should there be another change so if there is a change we do not have to continually amend this ordinance. Akers stated that there is another bill being presented to State Legislation to request another extension of discontinuance of a non-conforming use beyond the 30 months. LaCrosse stated he would like a copy of the proposed legislation. After further discussion a motion was made by Norwood and 2nd by Stinnett to forward the ordinance to the City Council. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Yvonne Stinnett - yes, Hadley Williams - yes, Roger Jackson - yes, Gary Norwood - yes, Mayor Johnson - yes, Chris LaCrosse – yes.

Other:

Chairman LaCrosse requested the distribution of the existing Land Use Plan to the Commission members and is requesting each member take the time to read and comment on the plan before the next Land Use meeting in order to complete the plan. Chapters 1 thru 5 have never been reviewed by the Land Use Committee and is a draft from our previous planner. Chapter 6, the Developmental Plan is the section we reviewed and edited as a Committee. Ackers presented an outline of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as an overall guide for future direction of the plan. Ackers stated she will most likely condense the plan and eliminate unnecessary information. After further discussion LaCrosse stated that Cherie Ackers will be on vacation the first week of April and we will not have a Land Use meeting in April. That will give each Committee member two months to review the existing Land Use Plan. Lacrosse stated that in the future he would like to re-look at the MR 4 PUD ordinance to possibly revise it.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Stinnett and 2nd by Williams. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Chairman Chris LaCrosse