

Regular Minutes of the  
Ashland City Planning Commission  
March 4, 2013

The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on March 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Chairman Chris LaCrosse called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Yvonne Stinnett, Hadley Williams, Gary Norwood, Melody Sleeper, Mayor Johnson, Chris LaCrosse

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Michael W. Armstrong, Franklin Wilkinson, Rachael Ivie, Joe Vick, Max Vick, Nathan J. Vick, Shawn P. Suiter, Robert Bell, Grant Morgan, Ricky Meadows, Debbie Meadows, Robert Brown, Chuck Walker, Patty Rallins

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Norwood and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Johnson to approve the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting from February 4, 2013. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Forum:** None

Chairman LaCrosse requested to address the new business first. With no objections the discussion of new business proceeded.

**New Business:**

- A. Add the use of an "Indoor firearms training facilities" as a Special Exception in a C-1, (Central Business District)

Rachael Ivie addressed the Commission and stated there is a request before the Commission to add the use of an "Indoor firearms training facility" as a use as a Special Exception in a C-1 zoning. This use is currently permitted as a special exception in a C-2 zoning district. Rachael presented the current zoning uses for C-1 and C-2 and a summary of the proposed changes. As a special exception the Board of Zoning Appeals will have to approve any special exception request. Also, we would need to draft a definition for the use of an "Indoor firearms training facilities". Rachael also presented examples of other Cities that allow indoor firearms training. Rickey Meadows, of 1251 Leo Baker Rd., Ashland City, addressed the Commission and stated he is a native of Cheatham County and has been a member of the community all his life. As the owner of a landscape company he is interested in phasing out that occupation and focusing on opening a business of firearms training and related services. Mr. Meadows stated that he plans to clean up the rear of the lot and use the shed for parking. The firing range will be in the upper level of the building and constructed for sound suppression. The facility and operations will be State regulated. The Federal Government regulations will primarily be

related to OSHA standards. After further discussion Mr. Meadows stated they will limit their services and operations not to exceed a 30 caliber standard. Robert Brown of 3847 Cage Ellis Rd., Springfield, TN & business partner, stated they will offer a NRA Certified training course through certified instructors for personal protection, gun carrying permits, armed guard certifications, and education on gun handling and recreation. We will not offer any Class 3 regulated firearm operations or services. Mr. Meadows stated he is planning on purchasing the property and cleaning it up, including cutting back the brush, landscaping, and adding gravel for parking. After further discussion, Mr. Bell stated there will be Range Officers, as well as all employees, who will be monitoring the use and operations for compliance with safety regulations and protocol. After further discussion, Mr. Bell stated that all phases of the business will generate sales tax. Mr. Bell stated, the range is inspected annually by Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norwood to recommend to City Council the addition of the use of an “Indoor firearms training facilities” as a Special Exception in the C-1 Central Business District zoning. The motion passed by roll call vote. Yvonne Stinnett-yes, Hadley Williams-yes, Gary Norwood-yes, Melody Sleeper-yes, Mayor Johnson-yes, Chris LaCrosse-yes.

**Old Business:**

A. Discussion of Land Use Plan

Rachael Ivie stated that she is still in the process of assembling the most recent changes and additions to the Land Use Plan, as recommended by the Commission from previous meetings. Draft versions of Chapter 6 will be presented in a near future meeting. Then we will focus on previous chapter of background information.

**Other:**

Chairman LaCrosse requested for Mike Armstrong to contact the presented list of communities that have indoor firing ranges for community feedback.

Chairman LaCrosse requested Rachael Ivie to research if it is permissible to place a storage building or accessory structure on a lot where there is no primary dwelling or to use the former primary dwelling, which is posted inhabitable, to be used for storage.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stinnett . The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Chairman Chris LaCrosse