

Regular Minutes of the
Ashland City Planning Commission
October 7, 2013

The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on October 7, 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: Hadley Williams, Gary Norwood, Melody Sleeper, Mayor Johnson, Chris LaCrosse

Commissioners Absent: Yvonne Stinnett

Others Present: Michael W. Armstrong, Franklin Wilkinson, Rachael Ivie, Jenny West

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mayor Johnson and 2nd by Williams to approve the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting from September 9, 2013. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Forum:

Armstrong addressed the Commission and stated that Jenny West is in the audience representing the Trucking firm, RE West. She is requesting a general discussion regarding parking at the RE West location at 14 Bluegrass Drive. Rachael Ivie has reviewed the request with RE West's engineer and has provided comments. Rachael Ivie addressed the Commission and explained that RE West wants to use their adjacent lot for additional trailer storage parking. It is a vacant grass lot that is sometimes used for overflow storage. It is the same lot that Triton Boats used to park boat trailers on when they were still located in the Industrial Park. RE West would like to make use of the lot for seasonal overflow parking for trailers by placing gravel on the lot. Our Zoning Ordinance requires dust free parking and pavement or concrete for entrances and parking. The Planning Commission has the option to allow a double bituminous, tar & chip, type surface. It would be difficult for RE West to pave or concrete the entire area for the use of occasional temporary parking of trailers. Jenny West addressed the Commission and stated that the lot contains about four acres. What they want to use for parking would be about an acre and a half to two acres. Rachael Ivie addressed the Commission and stated that there are no written regulations for trailer storage, a trailer that is not attached to a cab. There may be some way to make a compromise regarding parking regulations for trailers by allowing a gravel section for the trailer only and requiring a dust free impervious surface for the area of movement and parking for the cab. After further discussion Armstrong stated that RE West will need to produce a site plan for review. A review of the site plan and requests for approval will be at a later meeting and no action by the Planning Commission is being requested at this time.

New Business:

A. Training Session for Planning Commission Members

Rachael Ivie addressed the Commission and stated that the reading assignment for training was page 1 through 28 of the Tennessee Planning Commissioner's Handbook. Rachael presented, reviewed and discussed Chapter 1- The Development of Tennessee Planning, Chapter 2-the Legal Basis for Planning, and Chapter 3-the Comprehensive Planning Process. The Commission decided, the next training session will cover Chapter 4 of the Planning Commissioners Handbook, Plan Implementation.

Old Business: None

Other: None

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Williams and 2nd by Mayor Johnson . The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Chairman Chris LaCrosse