

Regular Minutes of the
Ashland City Planning Commission
February 2, 2015

The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on February 2, 2015 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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Norwood and 2nd by Mayor Johnson to approve the minutes from December 1, 2014. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Forum: None

New Business:

- A. Elect Chairman, Vice Chairman, & Secretary of the Town of Ashland City Planning Commission 2015.

Acting Chairman Chris LaCrosse declared the floor open for nominations for Chairman of the 2015 Planning Commission. Mayor Johnson nominated Chris LaCrosse and the nomination was 2nd by Gary Norwood. With no other nominations, Acting Chairman Chris LaCrosse declared the nominations closed and called for a vote. Chris LaCrosse was elected Chairman of the 2015 Planning Commission by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Chris LaCrosse declared the floor open for nominations for Vice Chairman of the 2015 Planning Commission. Mayor Johnson nominated Gary Norwood and the nomination was 2nd by Yvonne Stinnett. With no other nominations, Chairman Chris LaCrosse declared the nominations closed and called for a vote. Gary Norwood was elected Vice Chairman of the 2015 Planning Commission by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Chris LaCrosse declared the floor open for nominations for Secretary of the 2015 Planning Commission. Yvonne Stinnett nominated Mayor Johnson and the nomination was 2nd by Gary Norwood. With no other nominations Chairman Chris LaCrosse declared the nominations closed and called for a vote. Mayor Johnson was elected Secretary of the 2015 Planning Commission by unanimous voice vote.

- B. Training Session

Rachael Ivie addressed the Commission and presented the most recent planning and zoning related legislation of the Tennessee 108th General Assembly. The materials presented for training and discussion were Public Chapter No. 686 (Vesting), Public Chapter No. 914 (Road Bonds), Public Chapter No. 707 (Annexation), Public Chapter No. 581 (Agricultural entertainment activities), and Public Chapter No. 542 (Farm workers residences). After further discussion the Commission requested that Rachael try to interpret what is meant by a "Preliminary Development Plan" as it may relate to the presented legislation. Rachael addressed the Commission and stated that her idea of a preliminary development plan is in the context of a Planned Unit Development, when a developer presents a concept of what they intend to do. It will usually include uses, a general site plan layout, and the developer would be required to come back with a final development plan. These plans usually involve a rezoning to accommodate the PUD. Mayor Johnson requested staff to review and entertain additional classes of zoning and clarify the meaning of a preliminary development plan.

Old Business: None

Other:

Mayor Johnson asked the Building & Codes Department to explain the upcoming Operation Clean Sweep. Wilkinson stated that the cleanup process for 2015 has already started. The Codes Department has made several pick-ups of junk and debris, and have allowed a few residences to bring junk and debris. We know where the junk is coming from so none of the deliveries are coming from outside the City limits. The cleanup will continue on a case by case basis till June 2015.

Gary Norwood asked for an update on the Charter Site completion. The Building & Codes Department presented a certified letter that was received by Charter Communications. The government relations representative for Charter stated that during the first quarter of 2015 the funds will be appropriated for the completion of the site and the work will take place in the 2nd quarter of 2015.

Mike Armstrong stated that the Building & Codes Department has contacted the Ashland City Times regarding the excessive accumulation of the Cheatham County Money Saver papers. We have started a "no drop list" and have physically picked up excessive accumulation of papers. We are trying to discontinue the deliveries to properties that do not want the papers or where the papers accumulate on the ground.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Stinnett and 2nd by Williams. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Chairman Chris LaCrosse