

GLADWIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 28, 2009

The Gladwin City Planning Commission met Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at Gladwin City Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman David, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Darlington, David, Foor, Clayton and Witkowski.

Absent: Commissioners Jenkins, Stout, Hindman and Alward.

Also present: Fran Seebeck, Jody Seebeck, Richard Strohkirch, Garrett Christiansen, David Ramsey, Bernadette Weaver and Howard Kunding.

Motion by Commissioner Darlington, supported by Commissioner Clayton to approve the minutes of March 24, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

Fran Seebeck and Jody Seebeck were present to ask the commissioners' consideration of changing the zoning on their currently zoned Residential Office parcel (RO) to C-1 (Central Business District). Planner Howard Kunding commented on his endorsement of the change and referenced the Hyett-Palma study that stressed the need for additional commercial square footage in the downtown area. Discussion as to the compatibility of current uses, future land uses, etc.

Commissioner Hindman entered the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Richard Strohkirch presented brochures illustrating sheds with poly-vinyl construction; some with permanent foundations and others with tie-down anchoring devices. Not only is he interested in selling these products, but he wanted to construct a 30' x 60' structure at his business as a demo and also to be used as storage. As Mr. Strohkirch's choice incorporated wood sidewalls making it fall within the parameters of a permanent structure, the commissioners asked that he bring back a site plan showing location and setbacks to the next Planning Commission meeting. Discussion as to the smaller structures' acceptability; it was noted they were more of the nature of a tent which is not an acceptable permanent structure.

Commissioner Alward entered the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Garrett Christiansen and David Ramsey of Sisson Funeral Home questioned the possibility of installing L.E.D. signs in the downtown district. Lengthy discussion as to other communities' zoning requirements regarding this type of signage and the desire to limit colors, display content, etc. Mr. Ramsey noted that the reduction in publication dates of most area newspapers was prompting this request. The Planning Commission will continue to investigate and discuss the matter.

General discussion as to continuing ordinance review led by Planner Howard Kunding. Maps were also provided to the commissioners so they can note areas in need of infrastructure improvements; drainage, sidewalk, road improvements as well as any other capital improvements. They should be returned to the zoning administrator by the next meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Foor, supported by Commissioner Clayton to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.