

PLANNING COMMISSION
JUNE 26, 2012

The Gladwin City Planning Commission met in regular session Tuesday, June 26, 2012 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 David, Clayton, Wenzel, Witkowski, Beyer, Darlington and Stout.

Absent: Alward and Hindman.

Also present: Bernadette Weaver and Clarence Hetherington.

Motion by Commissioner Beyer, supported by Commissioner Stout to approve the meeting minutes of January 24, 2012 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Beyer, supported by Commissioner Wenzel to approve the meeting minutes of the May 23, 2012 joint meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

A parcel split request by DeShano Corporation was reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Beyer, supported by Commissioner Clayton to recommend to the City Council that the parcel split in Section 1 containing the new Horizon facility is approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Alward entered the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Mike Mack's request to place tables and perhaps wrought iron fencing in the city right-of-way was discussed. Commissioners noted two places in the Hyett Palma "Blueprints" study which referenced encouraging outdoor dining and commented that other cities allow the activity. The biggest concern was liability in regards to "trip and fall" occurrences and the potential for problems if liquor was served. Motion by Commissioner Alward, supported by Commissioner Wenzel that a recommendation favorable to the action of placing tables / chairs in the city rights-of-way be allowed subject to appropriate insurance and documentation absolving the city of any liability. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hindman entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Correspondence regarding enforcement including medical marihuana facilities, City Council comments on the semi-trailer advertising mattresses, the furniture store's possible expansion plans, non-conforming structures, the lack of hard-surfaced area at the Beary Queen and a report on the sign meeting with a subcommittee of the Downtown Development Authority was discussed.

Commissioner Alward left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman David announced that Attorney Jacobson would be assisting with completion of the Master Plan.

Ken Thurlow was present to discuss the possible relocation of his Sage Township business to an E. Cedar Avenue location. He will not be constructing a building as previously mentioned but wanted to start small and gradually build the business up. He will submit plans to the zoning administrator.

Motion by Commissioner Clayton, supported by Commissioner Stout to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Jill Witkowski, Secretary