

PLANNING COMMISSION

November 24, 2015

Minutes of the November 24, 2015 meeting of the Gladwin City Planning Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Chair Darlington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present: Stout, Povey, English, Darlington, Clayton, Wendell, Alward and David.

Commissioners absent: Wenzel

Also present: Zoning Administrator Weaver and Council member Bodnar.

Minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Stout, support by Povey and all ayes.

The first item of business was the special use request from C. Lawrence. Commissioners had received copies of a letter from Lawrence's attorney and comments from the city attorney. Weaver spoke with both Lawrence and her attorney. Lawrence offered a time and date for a home visit and Weaver will call to suggest an alternative. The special use request was tabled until the next regular meeting and after the tour.

A request from the LifeSmiles dental office for multiple signs was reviewed. As the request met current ordinance guidelines a motion to approve was made by Stout with support from Alward. Motion carried.

Lambert's Meat Market made a request to enclose the north porch on the building in order to expand their retail space. Weaver performed an administrative review, and there were no setback issues or other violations, the request was approved. This was informational for the committee's purposes.

Family Farm and Home made a request to add a 20 x 40 greenhouse to the northwest corner of its building. Weaver performed an administrative review and as there is ample parking and plenty of space off the east property line the request was approved.

Weaver and City Manager Moffit met with Bill VonMatt about the logging and firewood sales operation on his property just to the west of Vashers Market. It was suggested that the ZBA be asked to determine whether or not the logging was an accessory use to the commercial venture of selling firewood. There was a motion by Darlington, support by David, to request the ZBA interpret the intention of ordinance.

All ayes and the motion carried.

Weaver brought up blight enforcement. The city police have divided the city into quadrants and when investigating blight & inoperable vehicle complaints, the officer will also take time to look over that area of the city for parking violations; more specifically, parking on unimproved drives. The commissioners felt the zoning ordinance defined driveways and required materials adequately. This method seems to be having a noticeable impact. The commissioners expressed appreciation for those efforts.

It was mentioned that the Mayor has a possible candidate to replace Dr. Wenzel whose term expires in December.

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Motion was made by Stout with support from David to adjourn the meeting. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan David, Secretary