

City Planning & Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2014

The City Planning & Zoning Commission met on the above date, in a regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Creswell in the absence of Chairman Dill. Prayer and pledge were offered in unison.

Commissioners Present

David Ashley
Todd Trivasos
Sandra Creswell
Shane Landry

Commissioners Absent

Charles Dill

Also Present:

Mayor Mark Piazza
Ike Funderburk
Clay Menard
Charlene Beckett
Donna Baudoin
Kimberly Mire
Michael Kimble
Shelia Friedland
Kelly Sanders
Stella Harris
Councilman Francis Touchet

Commissioner Creswell introduced the board to everyone and allowed everyone to introduce themselves.

Commissioner Creswell called for a motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting, Commissioner Trivasos motioned to accept seconded by Commissioner Landry all were in favor, motion carried.

First item on the agenda was a sign application for The Gift Boutique, after the review, Ike suggested that the Commission reject the application, leaving the applicant to go before the council for a variance.

It was motioned by Commissioner Travasos and seconded by Commissioner Ashley. All were in favor the motion carried.

Next item was sign application, for Shelia Friedland with Kajuntales, Charlene Beckett, Main Street Director requested that the Commission approve her sign application with the stipulations that the pending all requirements are met. Ms. Friedland is considering a sign that Leon, the person from the state had drawn and has not sent the final draft. Commissioner Travasos motioned to accept the application pending all requirements are met, it was seconded by Commissioner Ashley all were in favor, motion carried.

Next item was a sign application for Motorsport Turbine, which was accepted as meeting all requirements. It was motioned by Commissioner Ashley and seconded by Commissioner Travasos, all were in favor, motioned carried.

Next item was a sign application for Eric Perrin, Ike says it is a non-conforming sign that does not need a permit it was motioned by Commissioner Ashley and seconded by Commissioner Travasos, all were in favor motion carried.

Next item was Dollar Tree sign application, Ike stated that this sign as well as all big box stores, signs does not meet our qualifications, therefore he need to go back in the ordinance to make appropriate changes that apply in the real world (Industry Standard) he therefore recommended that the Commission reject the sign and direct them to go to Council for variance. Commissioner Travasos motioned that the Commission deny the application with the option to go to Council for variance, 2nd by Commissioner Ashley, all were in favor, motion carried.

Next item was a discussion about Citizens Insurance, by Commissioner Travasos he claims that Citizens Insurance is the only insurer for property south of the bypass, and they were very expensive, he said that other communities were getting other insurance companies because Citizen was too expensive, Mayor Piazza said that there are other insurance companies insuring south of by pass, he suggested he call around to find out.

Next item Commissioner Travasos discussed was, temporary sign, he thinks there should be a time limit on how long the temporary signs can stay up, he thinks that 6 months is too long Ike stated that according to section 8/36 no time period was given. Commissioner Travasos thinks there should be a time limit 30 or 60 days. Commissioner Ashley moved to put a time limit of 60 days for temporary signs 2nd by Commissioner Travasos.

Because an item was not put on the agenda under old business, Ike needed a motion to deviate from the agenda to address issues that the Commission requested, on the tree Ordinance. Requested that the tree ordinance have some teeth in it to match the storm water, Erosion and Sediment control, that violations and penalties to conform to Storm Water, Erosion and Sediment Control. It was motioned by Commissioner Travasos and 2nd by Commissioner Landry con from the Tree ordinance penalties and violations to match the Storm water, Erosion and Sediment Control, all were in favor, motion carried.

There was no more business to come before the commission so the meeting was adjourned,

ATTEST:

/s/ Stella Harris

Stella Harris, City of Abbeville

APPROVED:

/s/ Charles Dill

Charles Dill, Chairman