

Minutes  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
April 2, 2013

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**Recognition of new member:**

Ed Kimbler was recognized as a new member to Planning and Zoning Commission.

The following members answering roll call: DC Wright, Dennis Thrasher, Dave Eden, David Wright, Dallas Gramm and Ed Kimbler. The following city personnel were also in attendance, Public Works Director Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway and City Administrator Max Springer. Absent Aletha Smialek

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made part of the minutes.

**Agenda:**

Chairman Thrasher presented the agenda to the Commission. DC Wright made a motion, seconded by Gramm to approve the agenda.

With all present members voting in favor, Chairman Thrasher declared the motion approved.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, were presented to the Commission for approval. Eden made a motion, seconded by David Wright to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: DC Wright, Thrasher, Gramm, David Wright, and Eden

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Ed Kimbler

ABSENT: Smialek

With all present members voting, Chairman Thrasher declared minutes approved.

**Set date for Mixed Use District Committee Meeting:**

Monday April 22, 2013 at 6 pm.

**New Ordinances passed by Board of Aldermen:**

Commissioners now serve 4 year terms and Board of Adjustment will now have 5 members. Changes were made to be compliant with the state statute.

**Public Discussion: Do we allow citizens to raise chickens in town:**

Springer read the proposed text change to Section 405.100 keeping Animals within the City Limits.

After some discussion with the commission the public was invited to voice their concerns.

a. Proponents:

Comments made were raising chickens in town would help people be self-sustained, encourage more gardening, teach children more responsibility, students living in the city could get more involved with 4-H and FFA. The main item the public did not like was the requirement of a permit.

b. Opponents of the Planned Rezoning:

City received one phone call opposing chickens because of the smell and noise.

c. Staff Rebuttal

Springer stated that a permit would be necessary so that the chicken pens would be built to code.

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Commissioners asked the public what would be a good number of chickens allowed 6 -10 was the consensus.

Chairman Thrasher recommended the city staff to fine tune the text change and present at the May 7, 2013 meeting.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

Chairman Thrasher opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman:

Motion made by Gramm and Seconded by Kimbler to appoint David Wright as Vice Chairman. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Eden, and seconded by DC Wright. With all members present voting in favor, Chairman Thrasher declared the motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DC Wright, Secretary  
Shari Weldy  
Secretary Designee