

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016.

Chairman Tim Schaiberger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Members: Bob David, Heather Grace, Jan Hasty, Mike Jackson, Shirley McClenahen, Tim Schaiberger, and Dan Weiler.

Absent: Kara Fachting and June Longstreet

Others officers in attendance: John Dantzer, City Clerk/Treasurer

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION BY DAVID, SECOND BY WEILER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2016.

Motion carried

Manager Grace went over the results of the Ogemaw County Housing Target Market Analysis. She noted the purpose was to determine the housing needs that exist, if those needs were being met, as well forecasting future needs.

The Commission discussed the housing needs of the City including the potential of changing to more mixed use zoning, the potential for multi-generational uses, as well as the need for more market value apartments.

Manager Grace also noted that this report will be used by the Housing Third Party Administrator to help her determine what type of grants to apply for.

Member Weiler noted that a comic book store downtown was now open.

Member David noted that the music boosters would be putting on a concert . He also noted his concern that the City still needs to look into requiring only single axle garbage trucks.

Member Jackson asked about property in the Industrial Park that had some possible lots line encroachments. Manager Grace noted that there indeed was a lot line encroachment and the City Attorney and the landowner in question are in the process of setting up a meeting to go over possible solutions.

Chairman Schaiberger noted that the local Music Boosters would be hosting a concert on Friday April 15 to help raise funds for kids music and arts programs. He also noted the upcoming Art and Wine Walk and a book signing.

Chairman Schaiberger noted his intention to run for State Representative

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.