

City of West Branch Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by Chairman Lucynski

Roll Call – Present – Kara Fachting, Chris Powley, Bob David, Mike Jackson, Cori Lucynski and Rusty Showalter

John Dantzer, City Clerk was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearings – New Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing was opened at 6:08p.m.

Ron and Pauline Zettel were present with questions. They own property adjacent to the newly acquired /zoned property on M-30, formerly located in Ogemaw Township. Matt Keeton, Reporter for the Ogemaw County Herald, was present and requested a copy of all the language changes made to the ordinance. He also asked what the timeline was for the finalization/adoption of the new ordinance by City Council.

Rusty Showalter made a Motion, 2nd by Mike Jackson to send the proposed new zoning ordinance to City Council for adoption. Ayes – all

The public hearing was closed at 6:24p.m.

Additions to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes –

Bob David made a motion to approve the proposed minutes, 2nd by Chris Powley.

Ayes - All

Site Plans – None

Sign Permits – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business - None

Communications – Ogemaw Township Planning would like to send a member of one of their Boards to be a liaison between the township and city Planning Commissions. Ron Dantzer and Yvonne Derosa were the two candidates. It was the city Planning Commission's recommendation to have Ron Dantzer as the liaison. John will relay this information to the city manager/mayor.

Chairman Report – Very happy with the Chamber of Commerce and their involvement with the city’s activities.

Member Reports –

Bob David – The city DPW did a great job of getting leaves picked up this Fall. Snow removal went well for the 1st storm.

Mike Jackson – City employee appreciation dinner went great. City DPW did a great job with the Christmas tree lighting.

Rusty Showalter – Christmas parade this Saturday @ 7p.m. He asked if the Christmas tree being decorated is considered the city tree. No one knew that answer. He also was curious what was being built at S 2nd Street and Wright Street. Stephenson & Co Properties is building a new accounting building.

Chris Powley – City branding banners look really nice.

Kara Faching – None.

Public Comment – Matt from the paper was still present and asked if the Board was hoping to see any changes within the city as a result of the new ordinance. The Board responded with: more industrial options, multi-use PUD developments on the North side of town and the old bicycle shop redeveloped. Unfortunately it is tied up with the owner selling/not selling.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm per Chairman Lucynski

Meeting minutes taken and typed by Kara Faching