

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023.

Chairperson Cori Lucynski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bob David, Yvonne DeRoso, Kara Fachting, Mike Jackson, Cori Lucynski, and Rusty Showalter.

Absent: Josh Erickson

Others officers in attendance: Acting secretary/zoning administrator, John Dantzer

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION BY DAVID, SECOND BY FACHTING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 22, 2023.

Yes — David, DeRoso, Fachting, Jackson, Lucynski, Showalter

No – None

Absent –Erickson

Motion carried

Member David commented on the downtown streets noting the construction and detours were underway.

Member Jackson noted the traffic flow through town has been backed up due to the construction.

Member Fachting gave an update on the “Old Mill” building that was recently purchased. She also wished the Ogemaw Falcons good luck on their upcoming games.

Member Showalter commended City staff for a grant they just received. Acting secretary/Zoning administrator Dantzer noted the City was awarded a grant from EGLE for a water project in the amount of \$18 million with the entire project being paid for with the grant.

Member DeRoso discussed a housing initiative the Ogemaw EDC was working on.

Secretary/administrator Dantzer noted he has had several requests to revisit the zoning classification for the building at 113 N. First. He noted he has had at least four different developers looking at the property to include some type of mixed use combining commercial and residential. He further noted that due to it currently being zoned as central business district, that was not an option. The Commission discussed that location as well as a few others around town that should maybe be looked at. The Commission had a consensus that the 113 N. First property did need to be relooked at and would be supportive of looking

at a change to mixed use since it was mixed use on the opposite side of the road from the building and was a prime location for a mixed use business.

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Chairperson Lucynski closed the meeting at 6:31 pm