

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION
Monday, March 28, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wascher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

ROLL CALL: Recording Secretary Molly Hier

MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary Fear, Commissioner Law, Vice-Chair Livingston, Commissioners Robertson, Taylor and Chairman Wascher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Jenkins and Morris

OTHERS PRESENT: Tanya Buckelew, Planning & Building Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR March 28, 2022.

YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER LAW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE February 28, 2022 MEETING.

YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: (DUE JULY 2022)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to Chapter 38 Zoning Ordinance Article XIII.-I-1 Light Industrial Districts Sec. 38-292. – Principle Uses Permitted (7) and (12) b.

City Staff is recommending the removal of greenhouses from the Zoning Ordinance for the I-1 Light Industrial Districts due to the potential light pollution issues the City could have if allowed for Marijuana grow.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING AT: 6:35PM
PUBLIC THAT SPOKE:

Christine Mitchell of 1525 Alturas Dr., asked if a business such as Bordines would be able to open if greenhouse were eliminated from the I-1 Light Industrial zones. Tanya Buckelew explained it would not, as no greenhouses would be allowed if the zoning ordinance change goes through.

Julie Wenzlick of 1101 Riverside Dr., spoke on articles she had read regarding the health and infrastructure effects caused by the use of large greenhouses requiring around the clock lighting and was thankful to see it removed from the Zoning Ordinance.

Tanya Buckelew, Planning and Building Director clarified that this change would only affect the I-1 Light Industrial Districts and not a homeowner's greenhouse in a residential district.

MOTION BY SECRETARY FEAR SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTSON TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 38 ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE XIII. – I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS SEC. 38-292. – PRINCIPLE USES PERMITTED (7) AND (12) B REMOVE “GREENHOUSES”.

**YEAS: SECRETARY FEAR, COMMISSIONER LAW, VICE-CHAIR LIVINGSTON,
COMMISSIONER ROBERSTON AND CHAIRMAN WASCHER**
NAYS: COMMISSIONER TAYLOR
RCV: 5-1 MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Julie Wenzlick and Christine Mitchell both expressed appreciation for the Planning Commission and their dedicated time given to the City.

Secretary Fear clarified to the Planning Commission she had language removed from a recent memo to City Council regarding “Planning Commission approval” of the newly adopted food truck ordinance at the recent City Council meeting. The new ordinance pertains to the downtown and city parks, not zoning districts.

Commissioner Robertson asked for further clarification on the food truck ordinance and what was adopted. Tanya Buckelew stated the basic ordinance was adopted to allow food trucks in the downtown area, city parking lots, city parks and block parties. The ordinance takes effect on April 11, 2022. Further clarified the application fees and the parking lots where the trucks would be allowed within the limits. Events and festivals take precedence over the city’s permitting system and the food truck vendor would have to seek approval from the event coordinator. If plans were submitted for a food truck court area on private property, it would be presented to the Planning Commission for a site plan review.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAW SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO ADJOURN AT 6:55 PM UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON APRIL 25, 2022.

YEAS ALL, MOTION CARRIED

Janae Fear, Secretary