

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Bill Wascher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.
- ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Roxane Cramer.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Bill Wascher, Vice-Chair Craig Weaver, Commissioners Tom Taylor, Michelle Collison, and Janae Fear.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Frank Livingston, Mike O’Leary, Brent Smith and Garfield Warren.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER COLLISON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 14, 2015.
YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER COLLISON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2015 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: COMMISSIONER FEAR VOTED NO ON THE SITE PLAIN REVIEW.
YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Staff memorandum
2. PC minutes for November 23, 2015
3. Rezoning applications for 820 E. Main Street.
4. Public hearing notices for 820 E. Main Street.
5. Medical Marihuana articles.

COMMISSIONER/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Fear asked if there is an error in the minutes is it better to call prior to the meeting or bring it to attention at the meeting. Ms. Montenegro stated either way would be fine but it would have to be corrected in the record so correcting at the meeting would probably be the best way.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. 820 E. Main Street rezoning.

Michael Kovich, owner of the home, stated there are eleven buildings on that particular block and four have been rezoned for commercial use leaving 7 on the block as residential. He pointed out that across the street is zoned commercial. He feels that by rezoning it may help clean up the block. Ms. Montenegro stated that the rezoning would be from RM-1 to B-4 to match the zoning that is already on that block and across the street. There was a discussion among commissioners with most in agreement that it should be rezoned. Commissioner Fear asked

about the City Master Plan and stated this sounds like spot zoning which she thought the City Master Plan eliminated spot zoning.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, SUPPORTED BY VICE CHAIR WEAVER THAT THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY APPROVES THE REZONING REQUEST FOR 820 E. MAINSTREET FROM RM-1 TO B-4.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Chairman Wascher, Vice-Chair Weaver, Commissioners Taylor, and Collison.

NAYS: Commissioner Fear.

ABSENT: Commissioners Livingston, O’Leary, Smith and Warren.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Medical Marihuana and potential changes in the law regarding licensing.

Ms. Montenegro explained that the City of Owosso Ordinance allows for dispensaries and growing facilities as long they are within the appropriate zoning district. She stated that she receives at least 6 – 10 people weekly looking for locations that work. There are potential changes that will be taking place at the state level.

COMMISSIONER/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Wascher asked about the rezoning of the parcels on M-71 he thought they had already voted to rezone them. Ms. Montenegro explained that council didn’t vote on any of the parcels and this time she has listed them separately so they can pull certain ones out if they want to.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER COLLISON TO ADJOURN AT 8:43 P.M. UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 25, 2016.

YEAS ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Janae Fear, Secretary

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