



**RANSON PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS – Vice-President Mike Anderson called the regular meeting of the Ranson Planning Commission to order on May 2, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Ranson City Hall at 312 S. Mildred St., Ranson, West Virginia.
2. Commission members in attendance – Vice-President Mike Anderson, Commissioner Chris Gaskins, Commissioner Kim Biddle, and Commissioner Walt Burke. Also present Assistant City Manager Edward Erfurt and Planning Technician Maria Dula. Absent with notification President Anthony Grant.
3. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING AGENDA –Motion by Commissioner Biddle to Accept the Agenda; motion seconded by Commissioner Gaskins and passed unanimously by voice vote.
4. READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SPECIAL MEETING –Motion by Commissioner Biddle to dispense and approve with the reading of the April 4, 2016, meeting minutes; motion seconded by Commissioner Gaskins and passed unanimously by voice vote.
5. OFFICERS & COMMITTEE REPORTS – None
6. SPECIAL ORDERS –
 1. **Introduction to the new Planning Commissioner Walt Burke**
Mrs. Dula introduced Commissioner Walt Burke. She stated that Commissioner Burke was appointed by the City Council on April 19, 2016. Commissioner Burke will serve as a Planning Commissioner until June 30, 2019.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None
8. NEW BUSINESS –
 1. **Apiaries (Honey Bees) Recommendation to City Council**
Mr. Erfurt reported that at the last City Council a citizen requested the City Council consider apiaries (honey bees) in the City. Mr. Erfurt also stated that the State of West Virginia has adopted state statues to support honey colonization to support the National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators. The City Council has requested input from the Planning Commission on this issue and seek their recommendation. There was a motion by Commissioner Biddle to accept the petition and order Staff to publish a public notice; motion seconded by Commissioner Burke and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. General Discussion Project Updates and Commission Questions

Mr. Erfurt notified the Planning Commission that there may be legal actions associated to the Briar Run Surety. Mr. Erfurt told the Planning Commission to direct any questions or concerns to City Hall.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT –

The next regular Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016.



Planning Commissioner



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