



RANSON PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** – President Tony Grant called the regular meeting of the Ranson Planning Commission to order on June 6, 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 – President Anthony Grant, Vice-President Mike Anderson, Commissioner Chris Gaskins, and Commissioner Walt Burke. Also present Assistant City Manager Edward Erfurt and Planning Technician Maria Dula. Absent with notification Commissioner Kim Biddle.
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING AGENDA** –Motion by Commissioner Anderson to Accept the Agenda; motion seconded by Commissioner Burke and passed unanimously by voice vote.
4. **READING OF MINUTES OF LAST SPECIAL MEETING** –Motion by Commissioner Anderson to dispense and approve with the reading of the May 2, 2016, meeting minutes; motion seconded by Commissioner Burke and passed unanimously by voice vote.
5. **OFFICERS & COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None
6. **SPECIAL ORDERS** – None
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 1. **Apiaries (Honey Bees)**

Mr. Erfurt reported that 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 legal notice published in the Spirit of Jefferson for a public hearing to accept public comments. There were no public comments. There was a motion by Commissioner Burke to recommend a zoning amendment to the Ranson Municipal Code to allow honey bees as a conditional use in Chapter 19A, Article 5, Table 8, Building Use, and a zoning amendment to the Ranson Municipal Code of Ordinance, Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl, and Chapter 19 in the residential district to allow honey bees in the City of Ranson as a special exception; motion seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously by voice vote. Record shows that Commissioner Gaskins opposed to recommend the zoning amendment.

8. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Fence at Jefferson Medical Center

Mrs. Dula reported that Jefferson Medical Center had submitted for a fence permit. The permit was to extend an existing fence to protect the used oxygen tanks. The Code of Ordinance Chapter 16 Planning and Development Section 16.179 (h) requires the approval of the Planning Commission for fences in commercial and industrial properties. There was a motion by Commissioner Gaskins to approve and direct Staff to finish the building permit process; motioned seconded by Commissioner Burke and passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. **General Discussion Project Updates and Commission Questions** – None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT –

The next regular Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016.

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