

January 2, 2024

CITY OF ROCKDALE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

Present:

P&Z Commissioners:

Doug Williams, Chair
John Williams, Vice Chair
Leslie Davidson
Joan Ratliff
Charles Miles
Jason Barcak
Scott Starnes, Council Liaison

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, AICP, City Manager
Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
Ben Blanchard, City Planner
Jim Gibson, MDD Director

Call to order and announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum present, the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting was called to order by Chair Williams at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at Rockdale City Hall, 505 West Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas.

2. Citizen Communications

Mario Casarz spoke on behalf of Shannon Kornegay for consideration for board appointment.

3A. Receive a presentation from Chair Williams on the City Council meeting.

Chair Williams spoke about the Council's direction to the boards to make a recommendation for board members appointments.

4A. Review and approve minutes from the meeting on December 5, 2023.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Ratliff and a second by Commissioner J. Williams, the Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

4B. Receive the monthly code enforcement report.

City Planner Blanchard spoke about the training of a staff member in code enforcement. Four to five tire stores are not in compliance with the amended ordinance 2023-2-13 (C). Information for the community about the amended ordinance for residential parking on improved surfaces.

4C. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a plat submitted by Rigoberto Zelaya for property located

at 512 W Belton and 513 N Wilcox Rockdale, Milam County, Texas into lots 1A and 2A.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Miles and a second by Commissioner Barcak, the Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the plat and send to Council. Motion Carried.

4D. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council on a special use permit request for a telecommunications tower at the Cornerstone subdivision.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Commissioner J. Williams and a second by Commissioner Barcak, the Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed to approve the 80-foot tower permit. Motion Carried.

4E. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a Planning & Zoning board appointment.

City Manager Holly discussed a scoring matrix for potential applicants. Commissioners interviewed four applicants for the board and will recommend to council the applicant with the highest score.

***4F. Consider and take any necessary action on adopting a mission statement for the Historic Preservation Board.**

*item moved after 5A. No motion made.

5A. Conduct a workshop regarding the Historic Preservation Board's mission statement.

The board discussed a statement to include: To protect and preserve the city's historic resources for the purpose of promoting education.

5B. Conduct a workshop regarding a development priority matrix.

Director Gibson presented a matrix guide from Liberty Hill. The board directs staff to incorporate the matrix for Rockdale.


5C. Conduct a workshop regarding crosswalks and speed study along TxDOT rights of way.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is conducting a speed study on the west side of town. City Manager Holly will contact TxDOT to discuss the possibilities of pedestrian safety crossings on Hwy79 near Wal-Mart.

Adjourned at 3:29 p.m.


These minutes approved on the 6th day of February 2024.

ATTEST:



Shanna Johnson, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Douglas K. Williams, Chairman