



OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deb Buskirk
Antoinette Sisco Williamson
Yvonne Meier
Kenny Mitchem
Blake Burns
Elizabeth Craig
Tony Craig
Tim Gaines

Members Absent:

Jason Denenny

CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Lora Martin
Shannon Drake
Bruce Swanson

GUESTS PRESENT:

Rommie and Lynn Hill
Jerry O'Neal
Troy Firman
Dennis Martin
Ritchie Whorton

Antoinette Sisco Williamson called meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Pledge led by A. Sisco Williamson

Approve Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2024

Motion to Approve by D. Buskirk; 2nd by Y. Meier

Jason Denenny Absent	Deborah Buskirk Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Tony Craig Yea	Tim Gaines Yea	A.Sisco-Williamson Yea	Yvonne Meier Yea	Blake Burns Yea	Kenny Mitchem Yea
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Minutes approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: Possible re-zoning of 195 Hamer Road from Estate Residential to Special District for battery recycling plant.

Jerry O'Neal spoke first about wanting to bring in a battery recycling plant. It would be the first of this magnitude in the country. Troy Firman explained, in detail, the plans for three phases of the proposed use of the property for recycling used batteries and re-selling usable parts. Phase I is to get the company up and running with two facilities. Phase II will be a 50,000 sq ft warehouse to sublease to encourage other businesses to come in to the area. Phase III will be a 100,000 sq ft warehouse to sublease. Many questions were asked about the safety of the plant and the general operation. Mr. Firman ensured the commission and all present that the plant would operate under all regulations of ADEM, EPA, and OSHA. Mr. Firman and his partner, Hong Lee, are in a due diligence phase with the owner of the property and need to have an answer by October 3 as to whether or not the property can be re-zoned.

Motion to hold off and schedule a special meeting to discuss once more information is provided made by A. Sisco Williams; 2nd by D. Buskirk

Jason Denenny Absent	Deborah Buskirk Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Tony Craig Yea	Tim Gaines Yea	A.Sisco-Williamson Yea	Yvonne Meier Yea	Blake Burns Yea	Kenny Mitchem Yea
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Motion passed. Mr. O’Neal and Mr. Firman will send digital information that can be sent to all members this week.

Motion to Adjourn by A. Sisco Williamson; 2nd by T. Craig

Jason Denenny Absent	Deborah Buskirk Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Tony Craig Yea	Tim Gaines Yea	A.Sisco- Williamson Yea	Yvonne Meier Yea	Blake Burns Yea	Kenny Mitchem Yea
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ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lora Martin