

Minutes of Benton Zoning and Planning Commission meeting held on September 1, 2021.

Chairman Victor Shockley opened meeting, roll call was done with V. Shockley, G. Collier, P. Arpasi, J. Neace, T. Bates, and D. Garavalia present; C. Cockrum has resigned to accept a position with the City Council and minutes of Aug 4, 2021, were reviewed and accepted by P. Arpasi and seconded by J. Neace, motion passed with no objections.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Spotlight Award was discussed and there were several suggestions, however Joe's Pizza; Ben's Lawn Service; E Nails; #6 Market have all been recognized in the past. Some of the other suggestions included Scooter's on West Main; County Seat Antiques; Fish Co and Sonic. There was discussion as to the residence on North Main owned by D. Shelton and G. Britton however it is not yet completed. There was a motion made by P. Arpasi to nominate Pam Dorris/State Farm Insurance on North Main for business recognition, with a 2nd by J. Neace. Then a motion was made by T. Bates and 2nd by G. Collier to nominate Rodney and Shannon Melvin for the residential recognition. The motions passed with no objections. The presentations will be done once the owners are contacted and a date is set.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held regarding the status of K. Neal 's position on the Commission and his resignation was received by David Garavalia. A motion by P. Arpasi and 2nd by J Neace to accept his resignation and to recommend appointment of Adrienne Mason to replace him on the Commission. As a result, of the resignation of C. Cockrum on Aug. 23,2021, a motion was made to nominate J.D. Mohr as his replacement by B. Collier, seconded by T. Bates, both motions passed with no objections.

There was discussion about the Open Meetings Act Exam status and the website is still down.

There was no update available as to the sign status on Bailey Lane.

MISC BUSINESS:

The new business that is being built on West Main; Scooters is going to be a welcome addition to our community. One of the concerns brought up by P. Arpasi was whether there is a zoning ordinance that covers AIRBNB's. This will require further research and discussion.


During the meeting, discussion was held as to the differences between single wide and double wide trailers. There will be a special use permit request to be reviewed on Oct. 6, 2021, at 6 pm prior to the regular meeting for a double wide trailer to be placed on Rt. 14 on the East side of town.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Coy Cockrum thanked the members of the Commission.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm, by J. Neace and 2nd by B. Collier and motion passed no objections.

Next meeting to be held on Oct 6, 2021, at 6 pm.


VICTOR SHOCKLEY


THERESA BATES