

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in the Municipal Building at 5:15 p. m. on March 12, 2012

INVOCATION: Mr. Hicks rendered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: Harold Blevins, Ralph Price, Bill Rush, David Richards, Betty Campbell, Mary Lou Waak, Nancy Bales, Victoria Tagarelli, Erwin Rowland, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wassum, Ernie Sullins, Mal Brown, Lyn Thompson, Tricia Spencer, Mike Richardson and Jeff Richardson.

PRESENT: Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Bob Ramsey, Larry Carter, Alice Freeman, Dan Surface, Jim Barker, Ben Reedy Commission Members; Town Engineer Cecil Hicks; Deputy Clerk Anita Catron; Town Manager John Clark; Police Lieutenant Rex Anders; Town Attorney Mark Fenyk; and Town Clerk Cindy Stanley .

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: The meeting was called to order, and with 7 voting members present, the Commission has a quorum. All members were present.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Surface and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the last meeting held February 13, 2012 were approved with corrections.

REPORT OF SECRETARY: Mr. Hicks informed members of a request from Town Council for Commission Members to review Parking Requirements. Chairman Wolfe stated he would like to move the parking item to last on the agenda and begin with the rezoning requests.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: No Report

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: No Report

REZONING OF OLD HARWOOD PROPERTY- Mr. Hicks read the request from property owner Mr. D. C. Walker who is requesting this property be rezoned from Industrial General to Commercial General. Mr. Bill Rush was present to represent the property owner and answer questions from commission members with regard to the intended use of the property. Chairman Wolfe opened the floor for discussion.

After discussion Chairman Wolfe inquired if all adjacent property owners had been notified. Mr. Hicks confirmed that everything was in order. With no further discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and a vote of 6 AYES 0 NOES and 1 ABSTENTION(Wolfe) Marion Planning Commission voted to send this request to Town Council for a Joint Public Hearing.

REZONING OF 612 AND 616 SHOP STREET-Mr. Hicks read the request from property owner Mr. Mal Brown who is requesting this property be rezoned from Residential to Commercial General. Mr. Brown was present along with Mr. Ernie Sullins to answer questions from commission members with regard to the intended use of these properties. Chairman Wolfe opened the floor for discussion.

After discussion Chairman Wolfe inquired if all adjacent property owners had been notified. Mr. Hicks confirmed that everything was in order. Mrs. Freeman requested that Mr. Brown have a site plan prepared. With no further discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Reedy and a vote of 6 AYES 0 NOES and 1 ABSTENTION (Wolfe) Marion Planning Commission voted to send this request to Town Council for a Joint Public Hearing.

REVIEW OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS: Mr. Hicks stated he has contacted several municipalities in the area and has received information from them concerning parking requirements for their municipality. The Town Council has requested that Marion Planning Commission study this and determine if any changes need to be made for Town of Marion requirements.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2012.

Upon motion of Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman Secretary