

*Jasper County Planning Commission
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**Minutes of the January 17, 2024
Regular Scheduled Meeting**

Members Present: Mr. Alex Pinckney, Chairman; Dr. Debora Butler, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Earl Bostick, Sr.; Mr. Thomas Jenkins; Ms. Sharon Ferguson; Mr. Lee Gramling; Mr. Brent Robinson

Staff Present: Ms. Lisa Wagner

Others Present: Councilman John Kemp, Mr. Dan Keefer, and Mr. Jake Woodward

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the electronic and print media were notified. During periods of discussion and/or presentations minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased. The recorded version is available online at: <https://www.youtube.com/@jcmedia6537/streams>

Call to Order: Chairman Pinckney brought the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Dr. Bostick.

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Jenkins moved to approve the Agenda as published, seconded by Dr. Butler. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approval of December 12, 2023, Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes: Dr. Butler moved to approve the Minutes of December 12, 2023, seconded by Dr. Bostick. The Commission Members voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Ferguson abstained from voting since she was absent for that meeting.

Election of Officers:

Election of Chairman: Dr. Bostick nominated Mr. Alex Pinckney as Chairman. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion and moved that the nominations come to a close. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Dr. Bostick nominated Dr. Debora Butler as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion and moved that the nominations come to a close. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Appointment of Secretary: Chairman Pinckney said Ms. Wagner would be appointed as Secretary by acclamation. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the appointment.

Appointment of a Representative to the Cypress Ridge Review Committee: Chairman Pinckney said he would like to appoint Mr. Jenkins as Representative to the Cypress Ridge Review Committee. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the appointment.

New Business:

Zoning Map Amendment - Industrial Development District, Tax Map Number 039-00-01-026: Ms. Wagner read the staff report and displayed the current zoning map. The Applicant, Mr. Keefer, said that the property is surrounded by properties with industrial uses and Industrial zoning would fit in with what is happening in that corridor and would provide support for the Riverport PDD. There was discussion about spot zoning, additional uses allowed within the Gateway Corridor Overlay District (GCOD), nearby residential property, annexation, proposed use, and the Comprehensive Plan. **Dr. Butler moved to deny the Zoning Map Amendment - Industrial Development, Tax Map Number 039-00-01-026, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

Road Name Petition - Blessing Street: Ms. Wagner read the Staff Report and displayed a map of the area. There was some discussion about road maintenance. **Dr. Bostick moved to approve the Road Name Petition - Blessing Street, seconded by Mr. Robinson. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

Road Name Petition - Ruben Drive: Ms. Wagner read the Staff Report and displayed a map of the area. There was discussion about the current condition of the road, Fire Marshal approval, violations in the area, and rules for Minor Subdivisions. **Dr. Butler moved to table the Road Name Petition - Ruben Drive, seconded by Dr. Bostick. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

Open Discussion:

Ms. Wagner talked about training for the new Planning Commission Members and continuing education for all of the members. There was discussion about the Moratorium, the Comprehensive Plan Update, cooperation with municipal Planning Departments, requirements for notifying adjacent property owners, and annexation. Councilman Kemp suggested we entertain different colored signs for state, county, and private roads like other counties use.

Adjourn: Dr. Bostick moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gramling. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Hayes