

Minutes
Ashton Planning and Zoning Commission

April 23, 2013
7:00 pm

Attendees: Commission Members: Chairman Bonnie Burlage, Ron Dixon, Doug Ervin, Becky Harrigfeld and Jan Warnke.

Chairman Burlage called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Minutes from March 19, 2013 were approved as written.

Administrator Baker Report - Administrator Baker was out of town so there was no report given

New Business:

Unfinished Business:

Development Code – Jeff Hamilton from 511 Main dropped off recommendations for changes on the sign code. The commission was glad that one of the businesses had taken the time to respond.

The commission discussed offsite signs and decided they would like to allow offsite signs in the Highway commercial Zoning District. The offsite signs must meet the City and State regulations and must have written permission from the land owner where they are placing the sign. Questions were raised concerning realty and construction signs. In the code it states that they are exempt from being permitted. The commission would like to know why they are exempt. Chairman Burlage stated that she would check with other cities to see how they handle these types of signs. The commission went through placement of signs, pedestrian area clearance, clear vision area, signs extending over public right of way, clearance from high voltage power lines, illumination, and design, construction, inspection and maintenance. Also discussed were nonconforming signs, variance and enforcement. Special events were brought up and it was decided to allow special events to have offsite signage.

There is a section in the commissions binder's labeled amendments to the code not adopted yet. Secretary Warnke will find out if the commission needs to go over this or if it has already been taken care of.

There was no further business.

Meeting adjourned

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Warnke

Attest:

Jan Warnke
P & Z Secretary

Bonnie Burlage
Chairman