

The following are minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2023, in Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:02 P.M.

Commission Chair Templet called the meeting to order, and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners in attendance included John Pierce, Chad Hall, Mike Lanaux, and Lex LeBlanc. Bryan Gowland was absent. Kristin Tortorich and Heather Hockman were also present.

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the October 26, 2023 meeting.

Commissioner Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

PLANNING:

Short-Term Rental Application 22122 Walker Street

Commission Chairman Pierce reviewed the application noting all items were included except the Occupational License. Kristin Tortorich confirmed it has been applied for, but the confirmation didn't make it into the packet. Commission Chairman Pierce confirmed the current permits are under the total allowed. Kristin Tortorich confirmed the maximum number of permits is still 10, and that the Town Council has the Short Term Rental Ordinance on the agenda for their next meeting to consider increasing the number to 15.

Commissioner Hall motioned to accept the application. Commissioner LeBlanc seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ZONING:

Public Hearing:

Conditional Use Request for 21434 Hwy 36 in the Commercial District

Kristin Tortorich explained the application is for EcoView Windows and Doors of New Orleans to open a showroom, office and storage location on Highway 36 across from Abita Lumber. Commission Chairman Pierce asked for public comment.

Public Comment

None.

Commission Chairman Pierce closed the Public Comment portion of the hearing.

Commissioner Hall said the use fits well to the other businesses in the area. His only concern was 18-wheeler access. The applicant stated he spoke with both of the other businesses, and they told him that they get 18-wheelers in there daily, so he will not have issues with access.

Commissioner LeBlanc motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Lanaux seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

DISCUSSION

2024 Meeting Dates

Commission Chairman Pierce asked if any of the Commissioners had an issue with the dates. There were none.

OPEN COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kristin Tortorich announced the Town’s Fete de Noël tree lighting and night market has been rescheduled from December 1 to December 8 and that the Abita Opry Christmas Dinner will be held on December 9. There will be music and a catered dinner.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hall motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Lanaux seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Kristin Tortorich, Planning & Zoning Director

Date