

The following minutes are from the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2020 in the Abita Springs Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gowland called the meeting to order and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners in attendance included Bryan Gowland, Barbara Jackson, Eric Templet, David Gruning and Dan Underwood. Kristin Tortorich and Mark Fancey were also present.

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the September 24, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Gruning motioned to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting as presented. Commissioner Templet seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Commissioner Gowland reviewed the meeting agenda. He noted a request to amend the agenda to hold over further discussion of the Low Density Residential Zone to the next meeting. Commissioner Gruning motioned to defer discussion of the Low Density Residential Zone to the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Templet seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Public Hearing: Annexation – Abita Brewing Company

Abita Brewing Company has submitted a request to annex six (6) parcels totaling approximately 25.26 acres into the town Limits of the Town of Abita Springs. The property would be zoned Light Industrial upon annexation.

The hearing was opened, and no public comments were presented. The public hearing was closed.

Planning Commission

Annexation – Abita Brewing Company

Commissioner Underwood motioned to recommend that the Town Council accept the Abita Brewing Company property into the town limits of the Town of Abita Springs. Commissioner Gruning seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Zoning Commission

Annexation – Abita Brewing Company

Commissioner Underwood motioned to recommend that the Town Council include the 25.26 acre Abita Brewing Company property in the Light Industrial District. Commissioner Gruning seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Other

Donna Caire asked that the Brook Forest Road area be included in a 3-acre lot size residential zone. She does not want the issue to be forgotten by the Commission. She said that the moratoriums on building and subdividing in the area will soon expire and she wondered if the moratoriums may be extended. Discussion ensued about the moratorium on subdivisions in the area. Mark Fancey said that the process for developing a new residential zone will take several more meetings to complete and would probably extend into 2021. Fancey said he will review state statutes regarding moratoriums.

Commissioner Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gruning seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date