

MINUTES  
MOUNT VERNON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
April 8, 2015

The Mount Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission met April 8, 2015 at Mount Vernon City Hall Chambers with the following members present: Truman Jordan, Trude Elliott, Joan Burge, Jenna Wischmeyer, Rich Hileman, Richard Peterson and Matthew Nelson. Also in attendance, Zoning Administrator, Matt Siders. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Truman Jordan at 6:34 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda and February 11, 2015 minutes. These documents stand approved unless otherwise indicated by Commission members. Jordan welcomed new member Matt Nelson to the Commission.
2. Open Forum: each citizen limited to 5 minutes per discussion item.
3. Request from David Howard of Signtronix to address the commission regarding the sign ordinance. Mr. Howard was not in attendance but Jordan asked Siders to explain his understanding of this situation. Siders said that he had received a phone call from a concerned citizen about Video Village having an electronic message sign in their window. Video Village was shocked to learn this and said they were told by the salesperson that they are allowed, so she purchased it. Siders explained the sign ordinance to them and the section of Code that it pertains to. The owner of the sign company contacted Siders and stated that there was a section in the Code that allowed them to have the sign. On page 10-6, item #11, of the Mount Vernon sign code is the section that he referred to. It states, "Signs or portions of signs designed primarily for the display of time and temperature and on-premise electronic message center are specifically excluded from the provisions of this paragraph." After discussing this with Truman Jordan they decided that this was only one paragraph in the sign ordinance that talks about prohibited signs, not whether they were permitted or not. Siders had not discussed this with the City Attorney at this point. Siders has since spoken to the attorney for Video Village and he was told that the sign company would be refunding her money for the sign. Commission members agreed with Siders interpretation of the code and this type of sign is not allowed.
4. Zoning Administrator Report. A permit was turned in today for a new construction home. The City has had conversations with the Stoner family regarding development in "Stonebrook West" and is waiting on a preliminary plat.

5. Old Business. Jordan reminded commission members that work continues on the Comprehensive Plan and encouraged everyone to attend upcoming meetings.
6. New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
Deputy Clerk