

**CITY OF GENTRY
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Gentry, Arkansas met on August 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the Gentry Court Chambers. Chairman Mike Parks called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Danny Feemster
Jim Kooistra
Jay Williams
Wanda Meyer
Mike Parks
Tammy Runyan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Church

Others in Attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mark Smithson, Randy Moll, Jim Ferguson, and others.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the July 16, 2020 Regular Meeting:

Motion: Runyan- To approve the minutes as presented

Second: Williams

Roll Call: Feemster-yes Kooistra-yes Parks-yes Williams-yes
 Meyer-yes Runyan-yes

Motion Passed.

At this time Chairman Mike Parks asked permission of the Commission to add Janie Parks with the Gentry Chamber of Commerce regarding a Master Plan discussion to the end of the night's agenda. All members were in favor, item was added to agenda.

1). Discussion re: rezoning area north of E Main- Jim Ferguson

At this time Mr. Ferguson addressed the Planning Commission with information and a petition containing 64 signatures, requesting consideration be given to rezone the area north of E Main St., from the current R-0 & R-3 zones to R-2, in favor of preserving residential historical properties.

Motion: Williams- to advertise by public hearing that this issue be brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission at the next scheduled meeting September 17, 2020.

Second: Kooistra

Roll Call: Feemster-yes Kooistra-yes Parks-yes Williams-yes
 Meyer-yes Runyan-yes

Motion Passed.

2). Discussion only: Tract Split- Austin Tyler

There being no one present regarding this matter no action was taken.

3). Discussion only: Non-conforming structures at 417 S. Giles

After some discussion, it was decided this matter was considered a non-issue.

**At this point in the meeting, further discussion was had regarding the rezoning of the area north of E Main St. Suggestions were made that the current R-0 area remain and the R-3 zone could be changed to R-2 creating a historic overlay district. City Attorney Joel Kurtz will further research this matter and prepare a petition to include Arkansas St. north to McKee Drive.

4). This brought the Commission to the final item added to the agenda; **Janie Parks with Gentry Chamber of Commerce** who noted that a new business had opened in the old barber shop on Main, and presented a Downtown Revitalization Master Plan for review. This plan will consist of two boards made up of members of the Chamber of Commerce as well as professionals. Proposal deadline is set for September 4, 2020.

With no further business, Chairman Mike Parks entertained a motion to adjourn.

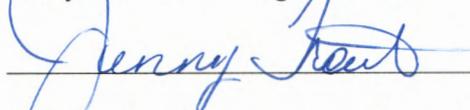
Motion: Meyer- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Kooistra

Roll Call: Feemster-yes Kooistra-yes Parks-yes Williams-yes
 Meyer-yes Runyan-yes

Motion passed.

Jenny Trout: Planning Commission Secretary/City Clerk



Mike Parks, Planning Committee Chairman