

MINUTES
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2023
6:00 P.M.
7423 Hwy 6, Hitchcock, Tx.

1. Meeting Called to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Karen Williams at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Vice-Chair Karen Williams, Matt VonDerHeide, David Wells, Bert Martin, and Marsha Knapp.

New members Present: Anna Dellinger and Ryan Massa

Others Present: Arnold Cross, Jr., Community Development Director, Stacey Baker Community Development Specialist, Debbie Nesbitt, City Secretary.

Members Absent: None

3. Approval of Minutes.

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Matt VonDerHeide made the motion to approve the June 27, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Bert Martin. Motion passed, 7 - 0.

4. Swear in newly appointed members:

City Secretary Nesbitt swore in Anna Dellinger, Place 6 and Ryan Massa, Place 1 to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

5. Election of Officers for the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:

Bert Martin made the motion to appoint Karen Williams as Chairperson. Seconded by David Wells. Motion passed 7 - 0.

Marsha Knapp made the motion to appoint Matt VonDerHeide as Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Bert Martin. Motion passed 7 - 0.

6. Citizen Comments: (3) Minute Limit per Speaker.

The public will be permitted to offer public comments as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

None

Public Hearing.

7. Public hearing on a Specific Use Permit request submitted by Terry Gordon with Discovery Acquisition Services (Serenity 3D) to perform a seismic study utilizing explosive devices within the City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas.

Public Hearing opened at 6:05 pm. No comments were made. The Public Hearing closed at 6:21 pm.

Terry Gordon with Discovery Acquisition's explained to the commission actually how the sensors would be used in setting off the explosive devices, they will be placed about eighty (80) foot down in the ground and have minimum sound when they explode. He also explained to the commission that they moved away from the wetlands and around that area.

Items for Individual Consideration: The Commission shall receive testimony from all interested parties, consider and take appropriate action on matters set out below.

8. Discussion and appropriate action on a Specific Use Permit request submitted by Terry Gordon with Discovery Acquisition Services (Serenity 3D) to perform a seismic study utilizing explosive devices within the City of Hitchcock, Galveston County, Texas. (Arnold Cross Jr., Community Development Director)

Community Development Director Arnold Cross Jr. explained he did not really have anything to add that Mr. Gordon explained everything very well, the reason for the Specific Use Permit is the city has an Ordinance in place that does not allow explosives within the city limits.

David Wells made the motion recommending approval and to present to Council. Seconded by Marsha Knapp. Motion passed 7 - 0.

9. Announcements:

Stacey Baker, Community Development Specialist asked everyone to complete the Park Survey and help the city know what the people would like to see improved in the parks within the city.

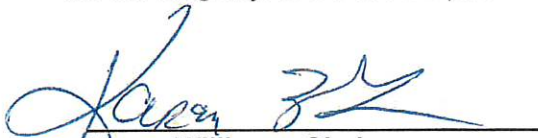
10. Commission Member Request/Comments:

Chairperson Karen Williams welcomed the new members to the commission.

11. Adjourn:

Bert martin made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by David Wells. Motion passed 7 - 0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.



Karen Williams, Chairperson

Attest: 

Debbie C. Nesbitt, City Secretary