

Bay Minette Planning Commission Public Meeting Concerning Sign Ordinance

Minutes of September 23, 2013

Monthly Meeting No.10

The Bay Minette Planning Commission met in Special Session on Monday, September 23, 2013 concerning the sign ordinance. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Stewart at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers located in Bay Minette City Hall, in Bay Minette, Alabama; this being the proper place, date and hour as advertised to hold such meeting.

ROLLCALL During the 5:30 p.m. Roll Call the following members were present:

Todd Stewart, Chairman
Karmen Still, Vice Chairperson
Robert A. "Bob" Wills, Mayor
John Biggs, City Council Member
Oscar Waters, Building Official
Al Thompson, Commission Member
Ed Pepperman, Commission Member

Absent were:

John Peavy, Commission Member
A. C. Ulmer, Commission Member

Other person in regular attendance:

Scotty Lewis, City Attorney
Rita Findley, City Clerk

GUESTS Guests included:

Danleigh Corbett, City Council Member
Kathy Dobbins, City Council Member
Dollie Mims, City Council Member
Clarence Crook, Police Chief
John Lewis
Richard Steadman
Liz Duryea
Arlene Pfeffer
Troy Hall
Earl Emmons
Harry Still, III
Chad Bartz
Blaine Chastang
Don Hancock
Betsy Sparks
David Keevan

space in building (old Hampton Hotel) and needs consideration on the amount of signage. Chairman Stewart explain that this business is located in the historic district and is covered on Page 121 Section 16.4.3 Item C.

David Keevan, Radio Shack, Highway 31 at Overpass

Mr. Keeven stated that his concern is with Page 114 Section 16.3 Item G. Mr. Keevan stated that due to the trees on City right of way his business is not seen and the tethered signs draw people into his business. Mr. Keevan stated that the City needs sign at the entrances of the City so people will know what businesses are in the City.

Earl Emmons, Chuck Stevens Dodge, 311 East 11th Street

Mr. Emmons Stated that his concern is with Page 114 Section 16.3 Items D, E, F and G. Mr. Emmons asked the definition of tethered as related to the ordinance. Mr. Waters stated that anything that is tied by string, rope etc. Mr. Emmons stated that balloons generate hype and income. Mr. Emmons stated that if it is due to safety, these could be moved back further on the property. Mr. Emmons stated that to limit would not allow them to attract business. Mr. Emmons asked for consideration in removing these items. Mr. Emmons asked about the spot light for moonlight madness sales. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Biggs stated that restrictions on the spot light were removed.

Chad Bartz, Chuck Stevens Automotive

Mr. Bartz stated that he also wants the City to look good; however car purchases are impulse purchases. Balloons and signs show that the business is open and keeps employees motivated. This generates more business and taxes.

Don Hancock, BIS, Highway 31/59

Mr. Hancock stated that he has a problem with the twenty five percent limit of signs. Mr. Hancock said that he does not want it to look like Vegas, but if there are no signs then it shows no activity. He stated that Page 115 Section 16.3 Item T has overreaching limitation and Page 115 Section 16.3 Item X is too restrictive.

Harry Still III, 1307 Mixon Avenue

Mr. Still stated that Page 118 Section 16.4 Item C, needs reviewing and to consider a blackout period for digital signs. Mr. Still stated that consideration may want to be given in the part where billboard should not be located closer than 600 feet from resident to 200 yards to 300 yards. Mr. Still stated that consideration should be given to Page 114 Section 16.3 Item D as this could be directional signs or shared off premises signs. Mr. Still stated that he is in agreement with Page 113 Section 16.2.20 because of safety issues.

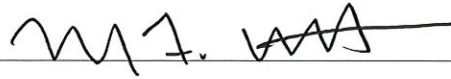
Rick Steadman, Liberty Tax Service

Mr. Steadman asked for consideration or possible waiver of portable signs/sandwich signs for 3 months during year.

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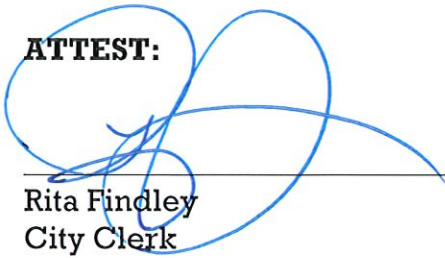
Chairman Stewart thanked everyone for their participation and with no further business adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

DONE THIS THE 23th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2013



Todd Stewart
Chairman

ATTEST:



Rita Findley
City Clerk