

**THE CITY OF EASTMAN PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
EASTMAN CITY HALL
APRIL 17, 2023
MINUTES**

THE EASTMAN PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT EASTMAN CITY HALL AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: JOHN REDDOCK, JERRY STEVERSON, DWAYNE BURNEY, DAVID WHITTEN, BOBBY DANFORTH, AND AMANDA WOODARD.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

OTHERS PRESENT: CITY OF EASTMAN FINANCIAL REPORTING CLERK VICKI BOHANNON, CITY OF EASTMAN CODE ENFORCER JACK WHITE, CLERK APRIL SHEFFIELD, CHARLOTTE HOPKINS, AND BRIAN DENNIS.

JOHN REDDOCK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND GAVE THE INVOCATION. AFTER THE INVOCATION JOHN REDDOCK ANNOUNCED AND THANKED THE NEWEST BOARD MEMBER AMANDA WOODARD. MR. REDDOCK INFORMED THE BOARD THIS WILL BE HIS LAST MEETING, AND AMANDA WOODARD WILL FILL DISTRICT 2 VACANCY.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

JOHN REDDOCK ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. ON A MOTION FROM DAVID WHITTEN, SECONDED BY DWAYNE BURNEY, THE AGENDA WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

JOHN REDDOCK ASKED FOR APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING ON MARCH 20, 2023. DWAYNE BURNEY MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JERRY STEVERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING ON MARCH 20, 2023, AS PRESENTED. SO CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

A REQUEST FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO REPEAL SECTION 143 – NEWLY ANNEXED AREAS IN “ARTICLE XIV. ZONING CHANGES AND ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS” IN APPENDIX A ZONING OF THE CITY OF EASTMAN CODE OF ORDINANCES. JOHN REDDOCK STATED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BACK IN 1957, AND THE ZONING BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY, AND THE ABILITY TO REVERSE OR REMOVE ANY SECTION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. MR. REDDOCK INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WHEN PROPERTY IS ANNEXED INTO THE CITY IT IS BROUGHT IN AS AN R-1 ZONE. THEN THE PROPERTY OWNER MUST GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF REZONING THE AREA TO THE MORE DESIRABLE ZONE. THE REZONING WE PASSED FROM THE DODGE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COULD HAVE BEEN ANNEXED AND

CORRECTLY ZONED AT THE SAME TIME. THE CHANGE WILL CUT DOWN ON THE PROCESS TIME AND AID IN THE EXPANSION OF NEW BUSINESSES. DWAYNE BURNEY INQUIRED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DID APPROVE THE REZONING FROM THE DODGE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AT THE BOARDS MARCH 20, 2023, MEETING. THE APPLICATION WAS PASSED BY BOTH THE ZONING BOARD AND THE CITY COUNCIL. BRIAN DENNIS APPROACHED THE BOARD AS TO WHETHER THIS CHANGE IN THE ZONING ORDINANCES WOULD COVER TINY HOUSES. JACK WHITE INFORMED MR. DENNIS THAT AS OF NOW NONE OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES COVER TINY HOUSES. THE CITY COUNCIL IS IN THE PROCESS OF ADDRESSING TINY HOUSES, BUT NO CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE YET, THIS ORDINANCE ONLY PERTAINS TO NEWLY ANNEXED AREAS. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON A MOTION FROM BOBBY DANFORTH, SECONDED BY DWAYNE BURNEY, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROCEED WITH THE ZONING CHANGES AND ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS. A PUBLIC HEARING IS S SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

PUBLIC HEARING:

NONE.

THE BOARD VOTED TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**CHAIRMAN – BOBBY DANFORTH
VICE CHAIRMAN – DAVID WHITTEN
SECRETARY – JERRY STEVERSON**

ADJOURNMENT:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOHN REDDOCK CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOBBY DANFORTH MADE A MOTION, WITH A SECOND FROM DWAYNE BURNEY, SO CARRIED. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

SECRETARY