

**CITY OF SAFFORD
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.,
CITY HALL PHELPS DODGE LIBRARY ROOM
8th AVENUE, SAFFORD, ARIZONA**

MINUTES

“The mission of the City to make Safford a great place to live, work, and visit”

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chairman Gene Fowler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He took a minute to let the commissioners know that he had attended the City Council Meeting on March 12 and represented the commission to express thanks to Chairman Tuttle for his service and the way that he conducted himself and the meetings.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Fowler, Vice-Chairman; Commission Members: “Buff” Cunningham, Diane Junion and Jim Moser.

ABSENT: Commissioner Dalton Overstreet and Gherald Hoops.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Dustin Welker, City Planner and Downtown Manager, Brenda Blake, Administrative Assistant and Sam Napier, IT Specialist.

VISITORS: Chad Crocket and Kevin Johnson.

3. **MINUTES:** Diane Junion made the motion to accept the minutes of February 23, 2012 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Moser (carried unanimously).

MOTION APPROVED

4. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:**

A. Interviews for the Commission

Vice-Chairman Gene Fowler stated that the commission would like to conduct the interviews in private and asked if that was acceptable to the candidates. There was no opposition. Fowler made the motion to move to Executive Session for the interviews. Commissioner Junion seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

MOTION APPROVED

Vice Chairman Fowler stated that the commission would go over a couple of items for the interviewing process—and would call them in one by one.

ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:35 p.m.

RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION ABOUT 6:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Fowler expressed to the candidates that the decision was not an easy decision. The Commission had been splitting hairs. The decision had been tough.

Commissioner Diane Junion made the motion to recommend Chad Crockett for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Moser.

MOTION CARRIED


Commissioner Moser asked to make a comment, he expressed that they were both excellent candidates and would be good for the City of Safford. Vice-Chairman Fowler thanked Mr. Johnson for his time and asked him to reapply if there was another opening. Commissioner Cunningham reiterated that he should reapply-- he already had the paper work done.

5. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Vice-Chairman Fowler asked Mr. Welker if he would bring them up to date on projects.

Mr. Welker gave an impromptu report on the P&Z Code re-write, the Mt Graham Shopping Center project, Sun Pumps addition, and the Townhomes on 8th Ave.

7. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** TBA
8. **MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Moser made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Junion.

APPROVED: *May 24, 2012*


Gene Fowler, Vice-Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission

ATTEST:


Brenda Blake, Administrative Assistant