

DRAFT PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES
April 24, 2011

Item 1a Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Mark Mais. Commissioners present were Dick Snelson, Darron Acklin, Shawn Battlagler, Mark Mais, Mike Nichols, and Kevin Lambeth. Also present was Rick Hess, Battlefield City Administrator.

Item 1b Approval of previous Commission meeting minutes March 14, 2011.

Kevin Lambeth made a motion to approve the March 14, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Darron Acklin. The minutes were opened for discussion. There were no items brought up for discussion. Roll call vote with Dick Snelson aye, Darron Acklin aye, Shawn Battlagler aye, Mark Mais aye, Mike Nichols aye, and Kevin Lambeth aye. Motion carried.

Item 2 Public Input:

There was no public input presented at the meeting.

Old Business

Item 3a Review, discuss, and make recommendations to possible esthetic regulations for commercial developments.

The Commission reviewed the proposed code that was drafted from similar language used by the City of Republic. The Commission unanimously agreed this subject matter was worth pursuing. There was some discussion over a few key points in the proposed code. The Commission will review the proposed regulations in greater detail and continue discussions at the next meeting.

Item 3b Review, discuss, and make recommendations to possible changes in the City's sign regulations.

The Commission reviewed the photographs contained in Rick Hess' email of 4/23/2011. All were in agreement that the sign in the photographs was esthetically pleasing. The Commission asked if they could review the sign ordinance that governed the one in the photograph. Rick Hess said he would have that information available to the Commission in a readable format for the next meeting.

Item 3c Open

There was no open discussion of Old Business items.

New Business

Item 4a Review, discuss, and make recommendations for a proposal to add Agriculture zoning within the City of Battlefield.

Rick Hess began the discussion stating that the City has several large parcels along the outer boundary that do not have access to public sewer. The lack of sewer is preventing potential development of these tracts. Rick asked the Commission to consider adding Agriculture zoning as a possible land use within the City. The Commission had open discussions and seemed to be divided over the topic. The Commission asked Rick to provide them with a copy of the old City code for Agriculture Zoning so that they can discuss at the next meeting.

Item 4b Review and Discuss P&Z's budget for the next fiscal year.

The Commission established a proposed budget for next year based on an average of the actual expenditures from the last two years. The City Clerk will need to input the data pertaining to paid City staff present at P&Z meetings. The proposed budget will be forward to the Board of Alderman for consideration.

Item 4c Update on existing and/or proposed developments within the City of Battlefield.

Rick Hess informed the Commission that the construction of the Weaver Road widening project has begun. Greene County (project administrator) asked for everyone to be patient with their contractor while the work is being done this summer. Rick also noted to the Commission that traveling speeds may become an issue once the roadway project is finished. Rick said there was a new business (Bill Bowe's Earth Emporium) that has just opened up in the strip mall at Republic Road and Highway FF. There was no new news regarding the Price Cutter development.

Item 4d Open

There was no open discussion of New Business items.

