

The Town of Murphy Planning Board held their regularly scheduled meeting at 1 p.m. January 3, 2022. The following were present: Chairperson Carl Auvil, Frank Dickey, Noland Smith, Blake Hughes, and Lindsay Campana. Secretary P.J. Siler and Town Manager Chad Simons were also present.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Fowler, to approve the August 4, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment to Zoning Code to require gaming facilities to secure special use permit

Town Manager Chad Simons said gaming facilities are proliferating throughout the town, bringing crime and unwanted transients to residents and businesses nearby. All of the facilities are burdening the police department as well. Mr. Simons said the special use permit would at least give the Town more oversight over such facilities, and ensure more accountability for establishments in the future.

Motion was made by Auvil, seconded by Fowler, to approve and recommend to the Town Council the Amendment to the Zoning Code requiring gaming facilities to obtain a special use permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Update from Zoning Administrator

Mr. Dickey updated the Board the Learning Center converting the Mountain Vista Inn into a Charter School.

Adjourn

Motion was made Hughes, seconded by Dickey to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.