

*The Zoning Board of the Town of Murphy met for their regular scheduled meeting on December 2, 2020 in City Hall.*

Those present were: Chairman Carl Auvil, Frank Dickey, Noland Smith, Blake Hughes, and John Fowler. Secretary P.J. Siler, Town Attorney Mack Cowan and Town Manager Chad Simons were also present.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hughes to approve the November 4, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Medical Facilities as Conditional Use**

Town Manager Chad Simons said he had consulted with the Town Attorney on the possibility of making medical facilities subject to conditional use in the zoning ordinance.

Town Attorney Mack Cowan said the zoning board of adjustment could do so, but would need to define medical facilities and set requirements for the conditional use. Mr. Cowan has drafted a copy of an example amendment to provide the board.

Mr. Blake Hughes stated that he liked how the example draft is written. Mr. Frank Dickey stated that he believed the proposed amendment would allow the board to have more oversight over medical facilities in town, without going too far by prohibiting all medical facilities in town.

**Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Dickey to approve the recommendation to submit the amendment to the zoning ordinance to make medical facilities subject to conditional use as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the draft amendment is attached in the minute book.**

**Updates from Zoning Administrator**

Mr. Frank Dickey stated that no zoning permits were issued between November and December, but he did state that he would leave a zoning permit for Murphy Power Board since they failed to get one for the construction and demolition work off Hill Street.

**Discussion**

Mr. Carl Auvil stated that the Town should start looking into improving downtown parking, mainly at resolving problems of big trucks extending into the traffic lanes. Mr. Auvil said the town should look at what the Town of Franklin did with parallel parking. Mr. Noland Smith said the proposed roundabout design may do those things, but wasn't sure how long that project would take to get underway.

**Adjourn**

**Motion was made by Dickey, seconded by Fowler to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

