

The Town of Murphy Planning Board held their regularly scheduled meeting at 1 p.m. July 6, 2022. The following were present: Members Frank Dickey, Noland Smith, Blake Hughes, and Chairperson Carl Auvil. Town Manager Chad Simons and Mayor Tim Radford were also present.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hughes, to approve the June 1, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – Minimum Standards for Non-Residential Buildings and Structures

Chairperson Carl Auvil stated that he saw how such an ordinance might provide benefits, but was very worried about how the town would enforce it consistently without adequate staffing to address such matters.

Mr. Frank Dickey said it could present even more problems.

Mr. Blake Hughes said that many buildings in town likely do not meet code in many respects, and that having something like this on the books would be problematic as a result.

Motion was made by Auvil, seconded by Hughes, to not recommend the draft ordinance on the minimum standards for non-residential buildings and structures. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

New Business – Rezoning Petition for recently annexed Town of Murphy Fort Butler Property

Town Manager Chad Simons presented a zoning petition for the recently annexed 18.83 acres of property atop Fort Butler. Mr. Simons said the property was annexed two months ago, and the Zoning Board needed to recommend a zoning classification for the property. Attached to the petition was a copy of the survey.

Mr. Frank Dickey said an R-2 Residential zoning made sense given the topography of the property, and might give the town more options for apartments in the future.

Motion was made by Dickey, seconded by Smith, to recommend and approve of the zoning petition to zone the 18.83 acres at Fort Butler as R-2 Residential. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the zoning petition and survey are attached in the minute book.

Update from Zoning Administrator

Mr. Dickey offered updates concerning zoning permits issued to various property owners; including Joy and Sonya Reid's property to refurbish their Tennessee Street property, Tomas Gebel's three permits for Sunrise Street, Mayor Radford's addition to his home, a deck on Bayless Street, McDonald's remodeling, and a remodeling of 115 Tennessee Street property.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

