

The Zoning Board of the Town of Murphy met for their regular scheduled meeting on May 8, 2019 in City Hall.

Those present were: Chairperson Carl Auvil, Frank Dickey, Blake Hughes, John Fowler, and Noland Smith. Zoning Board Secretary P.J. Siler was also present. Town Attorney Mack Cowan was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Fowler, seconded by Hughes to approve the April 3, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance

Town Attorney Mack Cowan explained the development behind the proposed ordinance. Mr. Cowan said it's not really zoning, but it certainly regulates land-use. Mr. Cowan explained that the proposed ordinance recommends some practical things, like balloon testing which would show property owners what the satellite would look like; allows the Town to hire a consultant to oversee the application process; requires a telecommunications provider to prove that they looked at existing towers before seeking to construct a new one. Mr. Cowan said it was up to the Zoning Board to decide.

Chairperson Carl Auvil said it was repetitious, but provided the Town a lot of authority that would be useful in the future. Zoning Board Frank Dickey said it would give the Town guidelines. Mr. Dickey also said he let Sky-tech look at the ordinance, and they said it was standard.

Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Fowler to recommend the proposed Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance to the Town Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Administrator Frank Dickey advised the Planning Board that they needed to send a letter to the property owner concerning the recent action of the billboard the previous month. Mr. Dickey said they needed to know that the existing billboard is out of compliance, and that the only change they could make would be to take it down.

Mr. Dickey reviewed some of the most recent zoning permits issued. Mr. Dickey said Mr. Ray Newcomb pulled a permit to build a residential home, O'Reilly Auto Parts pulled a permit to construct a store by KFC; Mr. Blake Hughes pulled a permit for a garage remodel; Mayor Rick Ramsey pulled a permit for home remodeling, and the Town of Murphy was issued a permit for downtown public restrooms construction.

Mr. Dickey said Mrs. Melinda Edwards called about a lot at the intersection of Valley River Avenue and Hill Street. The lot isn't large enough to do anything with in R-1 Residential, and Mr. Dickey advised her to purchase the adjoining property so she could construct a home.

ATTEST: _____ Secretary

