

**Minutes**  
**Planning and Zoning Commission**  
**October 4, 2016**

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The following members answering roll call: Dennis Thrasher, Dave Eden, Charlotte Woodrum, Ed Kimbler, Dallas Gramm, and Rick Fobair. The following city personnel were also in attendance Public Works Director Gene Stanton, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Conway and City Attorney William Petrus. Absent was. David Wright.

Guests registering their attendance are listed on the sign-in sheet attached to and made part of the minutes.

**Agenda:**

Chairman Thrasher presented the agenda to the Commission.  
Kimbler made a motion, seconded by Fobair to approve the agenda.

With all present members voting in favor, Chairman Thrasher declared the motion approved.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the last meeting, which was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 were presented to the Commission for approval. Kimber made a motion, seconded by Fobair to approve the minutes.

AYES: Eden, Fobair, Woodrum, Gramm, Kimbler,  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Thrasher  
ABSENT: Wright  
With all present members voting, Chairman Thrasher declared minutes approved.

**Discussion: Metal Carports**

Conway pointed out that because Springer would be absent tonight he had requested Conway to add discussion on metal carports to the agenda. Conway had previously permitted a metal carport in the front setback in a residential district. Code states that a structure cannot encroach into the front setback. Conway feels that the metal carports should not be considered a structure because it has no walls and is not attached to the home, so it should be allowed. Petrus noted that Conway should refer to the portion of the code that addresses Accessory structures, which is where carports are listed. Conway stated that he had not reviewed that part of the Code. Petrus stated that there are inconsistencies in the Code regarding structures as well as carports and if code needs to be redone then he would research and help with text changes. Commissioners all agreed that carports are built to last and be anchored down making them a structure. Discussion was held.

Kimbler made a motion to enforce the code we have now that Carports (portable and attached) are a structure. Seconded by Fobair.

AYES: Kimbler,  
NOES: Eden, Thrasher, Woodrum, Gramm,  
ABSTAIN: Fobair  
ABSENT: Wright  
With all present members voting, Chairman Thrasher declared motion failed.

Discussion was held.

Chairman Thrasher instructed Conway to put Carports on the November 1, 2016 agenda with a public hearing to review proposed text changes to present to Board of Aldermen.

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

Petrus noted the ordinance on text change to the Electric code did not get to Council in August and Stanton has noticed that some minor changes need to be corrected in language of the ordinance before taking to council, which then will be presented to them for passage on October 11, 2016.

**Public Comment:**

None

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Thrasher declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Woodrum, Secretary  
Shari Weldy  
Secretary Designee