

**Minutes for a Special Meeting
Of the Winthrop Planning Commission
Monday, May 16th, 2016**

A Regular meeting of the Winthrop Planning Commission was called to order at 5:00 pm on Monday, May 16th, 2016, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall for the purposes of conducting the business of the city.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Froehlich.

ROLL CALL Commission members Ryan Froehlich, Bob Rickheim, Peter Schuckert, and Rodney Fischer were present. City Staff present: Administrator Jenny Hazelton and City Clerk Barb Ahlbrecht. Audience Members present: Lauren Blank (Avant Energy), Bernie Sauter (GFW High School), Barry Thompson (Blue Horizon). Duane and Vicky Piere (Zelda's Emporium), Justin Peterson (Zelda's Emporium).

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Chairman Froehlich opened Zelda's Public Hearing at 5:01pm. After discussion on the business Zelda's decided to pull their Conditional Use Permit and apply for a re-zoning permit. Hearing closed at 5:07pm. Chairman Froehlich then at 5:07pm opened the public hearing for GFW Schools/Avant Energy's variance request for solar panels. There was discussion on the aesthetics of the panels being in the front yard. Avant brought some visuals and explained the educational aspect of the project that goes along with the solar panels. The hearing was closed at 5:23pm.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Rickheim, second Schuckert to approve the April 18th, 2016 minutes. Passed voice vote.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Zelda's Emporium Conditional Use Permit Request—Removed.**
b. **GFW Schools/Avant Energy Solar Variance Request.** Motion Rickheim, second Schuckert to recommend approval to the council of the variance request. Passed voice vote.
c. **Duane Piere Planning Commission Resignation.** Hazelton informed the Commission that a vacancy has been declared and she is advertising for applicants for the position.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VI. SCHEDULE NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27th, 2016, at 5 o'clock pm, in the City Council Chambers.

Motion Schuckert, second Machaiek to adjourn. Passed voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Chairman Froehlich

ATTEST:

City Administrator