

**Planning Commission Minutes
December 22, 2014**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Sean Schader
Matt Hutcherson
Robert Mann, Chair
Gerry Harris
Judy Horne
Bobby Wilson

ABSENT

Toni Bahn
Josh Clary

Approval of Minutes – November 24, 2014. Horne moved approval of minutes be tabled until next regularly scheduled meeting due to need for added information regarding the Holland Crossing Development. Motion seconded by Wilson and passed unanimously.

Comments from Citizens – There were no comments.

Melissa McCarville, City Administrator, reminded commissioners that the annual Statement of Financial Interest is due by December 31, 2014.

Public Hearing A. Variance Request – signs: Lance Drinkard, Marketing Manager for Lewis Automotive, presented a Variance Request for Lewis Automotive, located at 322 East Main Street, for a wall sign on west side of building. It was determined that the sign that will be placed on the north (front) wall of building does not require a variance. It will be in red, white and blue and will not utilize blinking or flashing lights.

Rick Bramall stated that the requested variance for the west sign is 11 square feet.

There were no comments from the public.

Chairman Mann called for question regarding a variance in sign size for the Lewis Automotive location. Passed unanimously.

Public Hearing B. Adoption of 2014 Arkansas Energy Code: City Building Official Rick Bramall explained that cities must adopt new standards for the 2014 Energy Code. Options for adoption were Prescriptive which requires R-38 for ceilings, R-13 for walls, R-19 for floors and a window U factor of .35. Also, the electrical panel must include a statement that states the house complies with the energy code.

The other option is the "Trade-Off" method which is more complicated and would require additional testing. Brammall recommended adopting the Prescriptive method.

Bramall further explained that the new code will apply to:
a. all new construction, b. new addition to existing building or home.

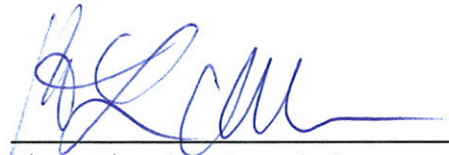
Chairman Mann called for question regarding adoption of the new 2014 Arkansas Energy Code.
Passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Adjournment - Schader moved to adjourn, seconded by Horne. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.



Secretary, Planning Commission



Chair, Planning Commission