

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PASCAGOULA PLANNING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 AT 6:00 PM
CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

The Planning Board of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met at City Hall in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:00 P. M.

The following official(s) were present:

Wesley Smith (Chairman)
Heather Wiggins
Jerry Jackson
Jared Ladner

Other official(s) not present:

Willie Sims (Vice-Chairman)
Leonard Stewart
Chris Hollis

Other officials present:

Josh Church, City Planner, Building Official
Angelia Kimbrough, Senior Administrative Assistant

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. William Byrd II

PDIN #41840016.000, 41840001.000, Market St. Lots 1, 10 feet of Lot 2, 14, 15 and 16: The request is for a Special Use Permit to operate a Towing Service in a Community Commercial (CC) District.

Josh Church was present to explain the application. The applicant William Byrd purchased subject property to operate an Auto Wrecker Service/Tow Yard. The applicant has a bail bonding business on the front portion of the property. Josh stated the property is in a Community Commercial District with Regional Commercial to the north. The Unified Development Ordinance requires a 250' setback from any residential district and a Special Use permit for Auto Wrecker Service in a Community Commercial District. Josh stated the applicant meets the 250' setback requirement, but the UDO only allows Auto Wrecker Services in a Community Commercial District by Special Use.

Josh stated subject property is along Market Street close to Highway 90, and this type of use in this location would not be conducive to this area. The requested Special Use Permit is inconsistent with the UDO's review standards. It is inconsistent with City-adopted plans and does not demonstrate community needs. The staff made a recommendation to not approve the application for a Special Use permit. After the staff presented its recommendation, William Byrd and his business partner Robert Baughman spoke on behalf of the request noting two existing Tow services already exist along Market Street. William stated their business would be much more presentable and would have a fence round the facility. Robert noted subject property adjoined an existing U-Haul and storage business to the south, and that for them to get on the Pascagoula Police roster they would have to have a tow business in Pascagoula.

Jerry Jackson stated his agreement with the staff's recommendation regarding the review standards. A motion was made by Jerry Jackson to recommend to "DENY" the application. The motion was seconded by Jared Ladner and the vote thereupon was as follows: Jared Ladner "AYE", Heather Wiggins "ABSTAINED", Wesley Smith "AYE", Jerry Jackson "AYE",

The application will go to the City Council with a recommendation to "DENY" the application.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.