

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, August 18, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Bendily  
AJ Word  
Garrah Rankin  
Melody Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Poole

OTHERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kaufman, Director, Building & Development  
Tracy Warshaw, Building & Development  
Doug Caldwell, West Monroe City Attorney  
Lydia Holland Baugh, West Monroe City Attorney  
Travis "Robbie" Tolbird, Jr., 128 Demoss Rd. Eros, La.  
Laura K. Tolbird, 128 Demoss Rd. Eros, La.  
Clinton Cox, 704 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. West Monroe, La.  
Kendall Cooper, 611 & 615 N 6<sup>th</sup> St. West Monroe, La.

On Monday, August 18, 2025, the Planning Commission Meeting was called to order by Brian Bendily. The Commission Brain Bendily motion to approve & Garrah Rankin second the motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, July 21, 2025, Planning Commission meeting.

The cases for review were:

**PA-10000008** by Travis Tolbird located at 801 N 7<sup>th</sup> St. (**Parcel #86535**)

Requesting Planning Approval for adding one storage building in a B-1. (General Business) District per West Monroe Code of Ordinances Section 12-5016. Existing storage building damaged from hailstorm, adding 24x25 with roll up door metal building, with no power currently. Committee observed the map showing the parcel as R-1, though the request was for B-1. Jonathan Kaufman, Director of Building & Development, explained the zoning layer was incorrect and should reflect the B-1 classification and advise submitting the parcel to GIS for a zoning-layer update. There was no one in the audience to speak against the application. Brian Bendily motioned to approve this application. AJ Word motioned to approve the application. Garrah Rankin seconded the motion. **This application has been APPROVED.**

**REV-25-5000002** by A-1 Key & Lock LLC located at 704 N 7<sup>th</sup> St. (**Parcel # 79730, 63549, 63546**) is requesting Revocation of Alley between N.7<sup>th</sup> Street and N.6<sup>th</sup> Street. (involving Assessor Parcel's: 38009,46526,36869,67280,37733 & 39185) Clint Cox raised concerns about increased traffic, drug activity, and trash accumulation. Cox noted the business has erected a fence along the rear of their building. Two homeowners (Dianna Dayton-Ganley at 710 N 7th St and Mary Dayton Rowland at 712 N 7th St) submitted letters citing difficulties entering and exiting their properties. Kendall Cooper (611/615 N 6th St) expressed concern about accessing his backyard. He was advised that the revocation pertains only to the Vernon/Crosley alleyway and does not affect other alleys. The committee concluded that revoking this alley would not serve the best interests of the community. Brian Bendily motioned to deny the application. AJ Word seconded the motion. **The motion carried; the application was DECLINED. This application will be reviewed in the City Council meeting on September 2, 2025.**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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