The Town of Taylor Minutes of the Called Taylor Planning Commission August 16, 2018

The Planning Commission of the Town of Taylor, Mississippi, met at the Town Hall for a called meeting on the 16th day of August, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Administrator Jim Hamilton; Chairman Larry Wills; Commissioners Edye Conkerton; Bill Beckwith; Sue Cook; Cindy Hale; Jared Spears and Planning Clerk Cindy Conrad.

Planning Consultant Bob Barber was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wills, and the following business was done:

Adoption of the Agenda: Planning Clerk Conrad stated that the SET NEXT MEETING DATE listed on the Agenda was incorrect and the correct date would be December 25, 2018. The Planning Commission made a unanimous decision to set the next meeting date as "To Be Determined", as the quarterly date would fall on Christmas Day. Commissioner Cook moved to adopt the meeting agenda; motion was seconded by Commissioner Beckwith and passed unanimously.

<u>Adoption of the Minutes from the Previous Meetings:</u> Commissioner Conkerton moved to adopt the meeting minutes from June 26, 2018; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hale and passed unanimously.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Administrator Hamilton began a discussion stating that the Town of Taylor has the site plan application, landscape plan and flood plain application from Northeast Mississippi Power Association and that the fees have been paid. Administrator Hamilton stated that the site plan has been forwarded to Planning Consultant Barber and that Planning Consultant Barber has approved the site plan, landscape plan and the flood plain application but none have not been signed to date, as Planning Consultant Barber is out of the country and has stated that those documents would be signed upon his return in to the country. Planning Administrator Hamilton then circulated the site plan to each of the Commissioners for review, followed by the landscape plan. The floor was then opened for questions and comments. Commissioner Hale asked if Northeast Mississippi Power Association will maintain the landscaping or if that burden will fall upon the Town of Taylor. Planning Administrator Hamilton stated that Northeast Mississippi Power Association will be responsible for all maintenance regarding the new substation. Commissioner Hale then asked if the wiring to and from the substation will be aerial or underground. Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association stated that all wiring leaving the substation will be underground. Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association also stated that they will use the existing lines to circulate the voltage but there will be no aerial exit from the new substation. Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association then stated that new TVA lines will be aerial coming into the substation from the south but will not be aerial upon exit from the substation. Commissioner Spears asked what the new substation will look like compared to the

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existing substation on Old River Road. Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association stated that the new substation will be much more aesthetically pleasing. Jason Long of Northeast Mississippi Power Association stated that the existing substation uses wooden poles and the new ones will be steel, symmetrical and will look very neat and more pleasing than the existing substation.

Commissioner Beckwith asked what the lifetime expectancy of the substations are and if consideration had been made regarding the Town of Taylor growing into a possible four-lane highway. Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association stated that all of these things have been considered and Mississippi Department of Transportation has been contacted about the plans for the new substation and future traffic.

Commissioner Beckwith asked how likely it would be for the substation to be "hacked". Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association says that regulations are very strict and there it is no chance of "hacking" into the system.

Commissioner Conkerton stated that she had spoken with Randall Abel and this new substation will be accommodating TVA, as they need more service, and that TVA is partnering with Northeast Mississippi Power Association.

Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association stated that the high voltage will come in through TVA and Northeast Mississippi Power Association will transform it down to useable voltage for homes in the Town of Taylor.

Commissioner Beckwith asked if EMF's would be emitted. Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association stated that because of extreme regulations, no EMFs will be emitted. Commissioner Beckwith asked if there would be a hum associated with the new substation. Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association stated that there would be a hum but will not be noticeable because of the ambient noise and that these transformers are smaller than those used in the City of Oxford.

Commissioner Spears asked if there would be noticeable light emitting from the substation. Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association stated that there will be a small light inside the building but that with the landscaping and screening, will not be visible outside of the substation gate.

Jason Long of Northeast Power Association made note that should the Town of Taylor lose power the downtime will be drastically reduced and the new substation will provide much better service than we currently have.

Commissioner Hale asked from a financial aspect, with the substation being more efficient, where the revenue will come from to pay for the new substation. Justin Smith of Northeast Mississippi Power Association stated that with less down time, there is more electricity used and with more electricity used, there is more revenue.

Chairman Wills then asked if there were any further questions. With no further questions, Commissioner Conkerton moved to approve the site plan, flood plain plan and landscape plan; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hale and passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report: None.

Clerk Report: None.

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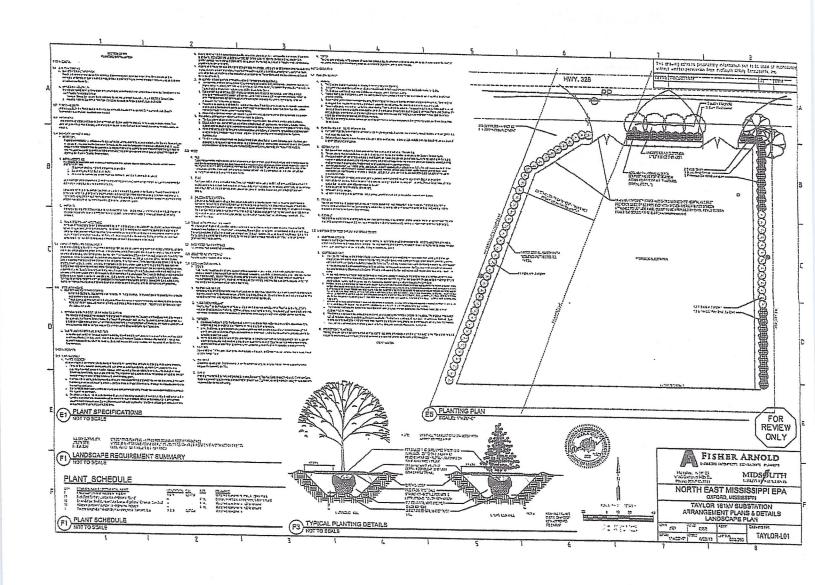
<u>Building Official's Report:</u> Commissioner Conkerton reported that we have many permits in process.

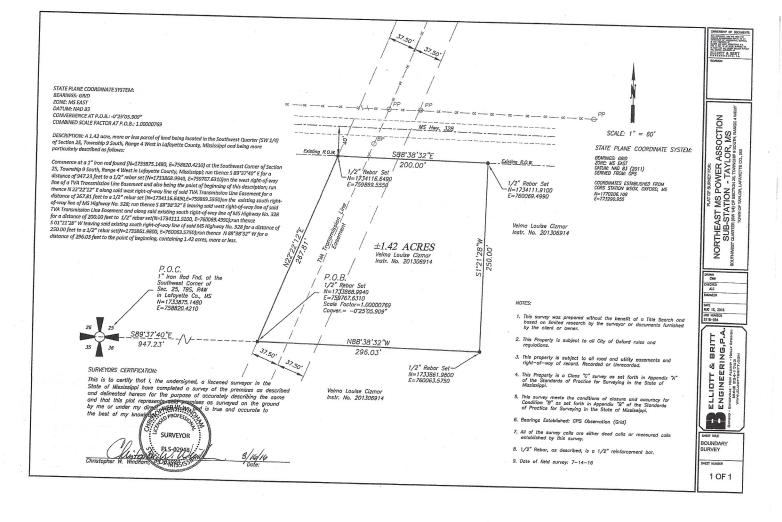
Public Comment: None.

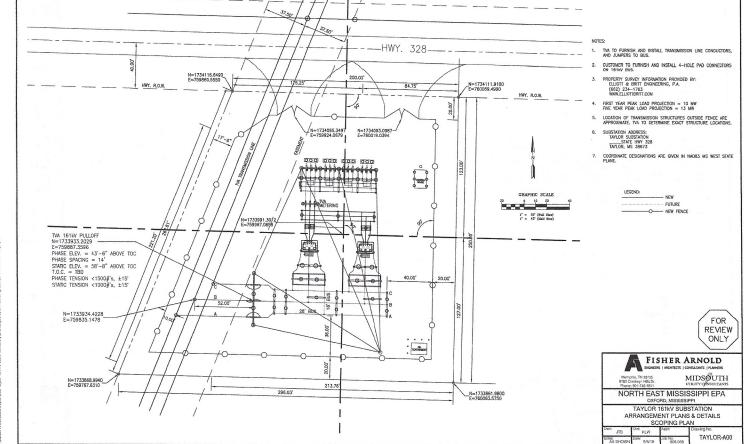
<u>Set next meeting date:</u> The Planning Commission will determine a new meeting date on or before December 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Conrad, Planning Clerk







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