



## MINUTES

Town of Washington Planning Commission  
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 5:30pm  
Town of Washington Town Hall 204 N. Main St., Washington, OK 73093

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Reed at 5:30pm.
2. **Roll Call.** Roll call was taken and the following Commissioners were present: David Briscoe, Michael Winn, Ricky Reed, Catherine Goodspeed, and Beau Potter. No Commissioners were absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance & Public Comments.** Chairperson Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Aday advised that the proposed zoning for the properties at 701 & 703 S Dean were wrong, that he wanted them to be zoned agricultural, and he advised that the Town of Washington had a zoning map that hung on the wall in the Town Hall prior to it's remodel. When asked if the zoning map was supported by ordinances, Paul advised he did not know.

Shelia Vercher advised she did not agree with any of the restrictions of the proposed Unified Development Code.

Justin Braziel advised that we were a railroad town and that we did not need any restrictions.

Lourrinda Renee spoke about several items including the cemetery, volunteers, and other matters.

### 4. **Public Hearing & Action Items**

- A. Conduct a public hearing and consider possible approval, denial, postponement, or other action regarding the Unified Development Code, Zoning Code, including land use tables, development standards, PUDs, specific use permits, nonconforming uses, subdivision coordination, and administrative provisions.

Larry Curtis was asked for an overview of the Unified Development Code and provided an outline of the UDC outlining what can and cannot be built in the various zoning districts.

Chairperson Reed opened the Public Hearing at 5:49pm.

Tim Wilk asked about nonconforming properties and if they are grand-fathered in. Larry Curtis explained nonconforming properties.

Several citizens asked questions about the "50% Rule" and clarifying information as well as a brief history of the rule was provided.

Delores Givens asked if flood insurance was able to be obtained by residents. It was explained that the Town currently does not have ordinances in place for floodplain management. Shelia Vercher and Delores Givens discussed flooding and water drainage concerns.

Lourrinda Renee advised that restrictions have not been evenly applied across the board and complained about driving in the Town, support for the Fire Department, flooding from newer housing developments in the Town, a lack of there being a City Engineer and Building Inspectors, water and utility rates, and several other issues not directly related to zoning.

Justin Braziel asked for a Facebook post regarding FEMA regulations, and he stated that he wanted stipulations on the 12-month vacancy rule regarding active-duty members of the military.

There was a discussion regarding annexation matters.

Natalie Wansick asked if there were any restrictions on what types of animals could be housed on agriculturally zoned properties.

A request for members of the Planning Commission to introduce themselves was made. Each Commissioner introduced themselves and provided information about their background.


A motion was made by Chairman Reed to recommend approval of the UDC to the Board of Trustees with 701 and 703 S Dean zoned as agricultural and for Section 6.5 Termination or Abandonment, Subsection B. Vacancy first bullet point to read: "The use has ceased for 12 months or more (unless owner is deployed on active military duty)." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winn. Votes were recorded as follows: David Briscoe Yes, Michael Winn Yes, Ricky Reed Yes, Catherine Goodspeed Yes, Beau Potter Yes.

**B. New Business (if any).** There was no new business.

**6. Adjournment.** Chairperson Reed adjourned the meeting at. 7:09pm.

These minutes were approved by the Washington Planning Commission on 12/8/2025.

  
Chairperson

  
Town Administrator