Earlene Bohannon

The City of Ekron Town Board convened for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 6:30 PM. Mayor Dave De-Costa called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees, including special guest Magistrate Steve Wardrip.

The meeting began with the approval of the previous month's minutes and the treasury report. Commissioner Emma-Lee Payne made the motion to accept both as written, which was seconded by Commissioner

Ekron releases Town Board meeting minutes for June Claudia DeCosta. The motion passed unanimously.

Two motions were brought forward under new business. First, Commissioner Claudia DeCosta proposed that the regular meeting time be moved back to 7:00 PM to better accommodate attendees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Emma-Lee Payne and carried without opposition.

Next, Mayor Dave DeCosta introduced a motion to return the picnic table to the Pavilion and secure it with a chain to prevent future displacement. Commissioner Larry Edwards seconded the motion, which also passed unanimously.

The board reviewed updates on local infrastructure projects. The sump pump located between Reese Avenue and Larry Berry Street has been successfully updated. However, the sump pump issue on Railway Street remains unresolved and was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

With no further business to address, Com-Emma-Lee missioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Mayor DeCosta seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board.

Board Members Pres-

Mayor Dave DeCos-

Secretary Sandy Ad-

Katlynn •Treasurer Payne.

•Commissioners: Claudia DeCosta, Kevin Wethington, Larry Edwards, and Emma-Lee Payne.

For more information regarding the Ekron Town Board, residents may contact 270-945-7380.

The next regularly scheduled meeting was held on July 1, 2025.

> Photo by Kristine Watts | The Messenger Lexi is ready to come play with you this summer!

MCAC Shelter Pet of

the Week

Meade County Planning and Zoning Commission discusses building permits and electrical fees home being built in not see it being a large

Lucinda Ayres Messenger Staff

On Tuesday, July 1, Chairman Guy Garcia called the 289th meeting of the Meade County Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 6:30 PM. The meeting took place at the Meade County Courthouse. Administrative Assistant Tonya Basham conducted roll call following the call to order. Guy Garcia, Jacob Mattingly, Susan Doman, Delmar Miller, Tim La-Tondress, and Tom Lanhamn were the present members. Brad Bickett was absent. Doman moved to approve the minutes from the June 3rd, 2025, meeting, which was seconded

mously approved. There was no old business to review, so they immediately moved on to new business, beginning with building permits. Doman brought up that neither Radcliff nor Elizabethtown issue building permits based on construction cost. and their costs are a little different. Miller said that their website is incorrect. He pulled three building permits in Radcliff, and they were based on percentage. One of the homes was 1800 sq ft and the permits were \$980. Garcia

stated an average size

by Lanham and unani-

Meade County is about issue." But I can show that it is great that so tions where residents online to pull permits, to come into the Court- inspections." house to pull the deeds.

Huesing said, "we see for accessory buildings with bathrooms. It is against the ordinance for those to be rented out. But we know that them."

we fix that?"

Mattingly suggested, "we could state that the "living area" is a certain percentage of the total square footage that we treat as another living

Huesing responded on the new rates. that residents apply for a building permit for Huesing should also a garage with living email the pending quarters to live in while changes to the Fiscal building their home. The home gets finished, to be prepared at the and they may end up allowing someone to live ing. Garcia stated it in the garage. The P&Z was time to talk about office does not assign the an address to accessory buildings, but it may not cia said the commitstop them from renting Doman asked, "what is sites. Doman provided

the solution?" Miller responded, "I do the sites she visited af-

1500 sq ft. Miller stated you 30 of these situamuch can be completed tapped into their main septic. If the building but it would be nice if permit has a bathroom, contractors did not have it will have the proper

Garcia said, "We will Each line item was re- treat this like a shop viewed, discussed, and with a bathroom. Or updated with suggested add a fee specifically permit fees, with mini- for the percentage of mum charges per line the square footage used for living quarters." Doman started to

building permits issued review electrical fees. Huesing stated that the electrical permit fees are contractual with the inspector. The inspector has asked her about people are living in making a few changes to the new contract. All Doman asked, "how do fees were reviewed and updated. Huesing will compile all fee data and email it to the commissioners for further review and comparison to previous emailed data. The commissioners will vote at the next meeting

> Garcia added that Court to let them know next fiscal court meetcommissioners' "best practices." Gartee should go to these feedback concerning

ter the last meeting. She stated that Macdonald Court looked the worst. LaTondress gave an

update on the previously mentioned properties. Garcia suggested that updates be given to the magistrate as well. Garcia

Huesing to explain how putting stipulations on a subdivision works legally. Huesing said stipulations can be placed on subdivisions at any stage of the approval process (rezoning hearing, Fiscal Court readings, preliminary plat review, and final plat approval). Garcia stated the Fiscal Court could still put stipulations on it (4200 Fort Ave) because they want a guarantee the houses in the area will not flood. The commissioners should inspect the properties so they can put stipulations in place first, if

The next regular meeting is to be held on August 5th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., with the work session at 5:30pm at the Meade County Courthouse.

needed.

Note: Information for this submission was provided by Meade County Fiscal Court. It should be noted that the meeting minutes have yet to be approved. The comments shared here are for informational purposes only.

Kristine Watts <u>Messenger Staff</u>

Lexi is a gorgeous Staffordshire Terrier mix with bright eyes and a big smile. She is only around a year old and playing is her favorite thing to do! She would love a fenced yard but does well on a leash. Lexi has a good relationship with other dogs

and cats. She loves kids and being a part of the family. She does not, however, have a good relationship with poultry and will need to be kept away from chickens and other farm birds. For a \$90 adoption fee, this ray of sunshine is already spayed, microchipped, and up to date on her vaccines.

Minister's Corner

Travis Thomason Pastoral Care Staff Raymond Baptist Church

Jesus says in Matthew 7:22-23, "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

I have encountered many people who will tell you that the most important thing on the face of the earth is to know Jesus Christ. That is simply not true. Instead, the most important thing is that Jesus Christ knows you! If I take my family to the White House tomorrow,

I am not going to be able

to walk up and enter the gate because I know the President. They would, however, let me in if the President comes out and points at me and says, "I know that man."

You can profess to know Jesus, but my question for you is not only "Do you know Jesus?" but also "Does Jesus know you?" Jesus in this passage describes a lost man as one who "practices lawlessness." This word in the Greek "nomos" literally describing someone who has no law. Jesus will say to those who practice lawlessness, "Depart from me, those of you who claim to be my disciples, who confessed me as Lord, but who live as though I never gave you a law to obey." Is your life marked by

Christ knowing you? Is it

in the process of change?

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