

The Saraland Planning Commission convened in regular session on November 18, 2025, at the Saraland Municipal Court. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chairman Scooter Thronson.

Roll call was as follows:

Present: Chairman Scooter Thronson
Vice Chairman David Brown
Secretary Julie McGuire
Mayor's Designee Larry Onderdonk
Mr. Barry Andrews

Absent: Council Representative Chris Jessee
Chief Lee Smith
Dr. Wayne Lyssy
Mr. Vincent Walker

Others present: Mike Black, Saraland Chief Building Official; Brendan Schwandner, Saraland City Planner; Andy Rutens, City Attorney; Jennifer Jemison, Zoning Inspector.

Motion was made by David Brown, seconded by Barry Andrews, to approve the minutes for the October 14, 2025 regular meeting. All approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Brown, seconded by Barry Andrews, to approve the November 18, 2025 Planning Commission agenda. All approved. Motion carried.

Chairman Scooter Thronson called for conflicts of interest of any agenda items for members of the Planning Commission. No conflicts.

David Brown said the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Recommendation to the City Council on the Petition for Annexation of 3398 Woodlands Drive, parcel 1904180000001.137, approximately 0.53 acres, to be zoned R-1 Low Density Single Family Residential, filed by Danny Wilson & Bonnie Wilson.

Current use: Single family residential. Proposed zoning: R-1 Low Density Single Family Residential. No issues found following planning, fire safety, engineering, & public works reviews. Planning staff provide a favorable recommendation

A motion was made by David Brown, seconded by Barry Andrews for a favorable recommendation. All Approved. Motion carried.

- B. Consider an ordinance amending certain provisions of the Sign Ordinance to allow off-site signs within the Interstate Overlay District. An amendment expanding the off-premise signs overlay district near the interchange of I-65 and Hwy 158, and extending the buffer allowing hi-rise/pylon signs within a radius of said interchange from 2500 to 2600 feet.

Mrs. Julie McGuire stated that electronic billboard can sometimes be distracting, and asked whether that is a concern.

City Attorney Andy Rutens stated that while it is a valid concern to a degree, this amendment is written such that electronic billboard are spaced out in a manner that minimizes that concern as best as possible.

A motion was made by David Brown, seconded by Barry Andrews for a favorable recommendation. All Approved. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Planning commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:

