

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

6:00 pm, **Monday, December 17th**, 2018

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

Members Present:

Andrew Gramling
Brad Kisker
Frankie Pearson
Gwen McPhail
Mike Johnson

Staff Present:

Adam Chapman - staff liaison

Media Present:

Upstate Journal

1. **Call to Order-** Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 6 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes** – 12/03/2018 - Motion by Mrs. McPhail, with grammatical corrections, seconded by Mr. Gramling, 5-0 approved
4. **Public Comment** - None
5. **Staff Update**

Mr. Chapman updated the Commission about a meeting he had regarding the Comprehensive Plan with the Student Advisory Board, a board of the Oconee County School system. The board is comprised of students from the various high schools. Mr. Chapman noted that the students were engaged and may address the Commission and Council at a later date.

Planning Commission's January 2019 Calendar

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Mr. Pearson noted that a first meeting date in January needed to be voted upon. Mr. Pearson noted that January 7th was the first Monday. Mr. Kisker made the motion to have January 7th as the first meeting of 2019 for the Planning Commission, Mrs. McPhail seconded the motion, the vote was 5-0 in favor.

7. 2020 Comprehensive Plan - Population Element

Public Comment -

Tom Markovich - Mr. Markovich noted an important trend, our slowing of growth, should be highlighted, and questioned, more than it currently is.

Jerry Edwards - Mr. Edwards, owner of the newspaper of record, the Journal, noted the importance of the plan and the final document to the people. He offered to network with staff to find a way to publicize the process, utilizing his newspaper.

Discussion / Vote-

The Planning Commission had an in depth conversation regarding the data provided, as well as the goals. Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McPhail, and voted upon unanimously, to have staff collect all the public information and place it into some form of graph or chart, so that the Commission may "see" the comments as a whole. Mr. Johnson noted that certain important facts seemed buried in text and Mrs. McPhail noted that some of the wording and numbers were repetitive. Mr. Kisker noted that making it shorter and more readable will encourage the population, as a whole, to read the plan.

- 10.** Old Business -None
- 11.** New Business - None
- 12.** Adjourn - 6:58PM