

# OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Minutes

5:00 pm- Thursday, September 8, 2022

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

### Members

Gary Gaulin – Via Phone

Mike Johnson

David Nix

Frankie Pearson

Teresa Spicer

Alex Vassey - Absent

Pat Williams - Absent

### Staff Present

James Coley, Planning Director

Elise Dunaway, Assistant to Planning & Codes

David Root, County Attorney

### Media Present – None

1. Call to order – Mr. Pearson called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Nix.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Spicer.
4. Approval of minutes from August 15, 2022 – Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Approved unanimously 4/0.
5. Public comment (non-agenda items): None
6. Commission member comments  
Mr. Pearson welcomed Ms. Teresa Spicer as the newest commissioner. Mr. Gaulin expressed his appreciation towards Mr. Mike Smith and welcomed Ms. Teresa Spicer. Mr. Gaulin is in favor of the PC revisiting the 2021-19 ordinance and determine proper wording to restrict up lighting and other lighting annoyances... to protect our community from too much inappropriate lighting during hours of darkness. Mr. Pearson commented on the exceptional work that Mike Smith achieved. Mr. Pearson read a letter to send the Mr. Smith showing appreciation. Mr. Pearson moved to approve the letter. Mr. Johnson seconded. Approved unanimously 5/0.
7. Staff comments:  
Mr. Coley provided a map of the major subdivisions that have not been approved yet. The map is included in the back up. Discussion followed
8. Planning Commission involvement in land use and subdivision approval process

- a. Public Comment: None
- b. Discussion/Vote:  
Mr. Root explained in detail the level of involvement the planning commission could have in subdivision, plat review, and land use plan review. Discussion followed.

9. Subdivision Development Standards

- a. Public comment: None
- b. Discussion/Vote:  
Mr. Pearson discussed the Pickens County development standards and urged the commissioners to research other counties and find development standards that would be beneficial to Oconee County. Mr. Johnson suggests coming up with a list of current issues and finding development standards that would improve or eliminate the issues. Discussion followed.

10. Commercial Junkyard standards

- a. Public Comment:
- b. Discussion/Vote:  
Open discussion regarding Pickens County junkyard ordinance.  
Mr. Gaulin moved to adjourn. Denied 2/3.  
Planning Commissioners will email Ms. Dunaway parts of different ordinances they think will be beneficial to Oconee County by September 27. The collected information will be discussed at the meeting on October 3, 2022.

11. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:17pm.