

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

6:00 pm- Monday, August 21, 2023

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members

Teresa Spicer

David Nix

Brit Adams

Frankie Pearson

Gary Gaulin

Mike Johnson - Absent

Mickey Haney – Via Phone

Staff Present

James Coley, Planning Director

Elise Dunaway, Assistant to Planning & Codes

1. Call to order – Mr. Pearson called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Nix.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gaulin.
4. Approval of minutes from August 7, 2023 – Mr. Gaulin made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously 5/0 (Mr. Haney had not joined yet)
5. Public comment (non-agenda items): None
6. Commission member comments:
Ms. Spicer reviewed an article from The Journal published Friday, August 18, 2023 regarding Mr. Glenn Hart calling for billboard moratorium to end and suggested the Planning Commission review the topic. Discussion followed.
7.
Mr. Pearson made a motion to have the billboard ordinance put on the agenda for the planning commission to review. Seconded by Ms. Spicer. Motion Failed 3/3.

Mr. Gaulin informed the commission that the Keep Oconee Beautiful Association (KOBA) is sponsoring a photo competition and challenged all the commission members to participate in litter clean up and/ or become members of KOBA.

Mr. Haney joined the meeting via phone during commission member comments at 6:03PM.
8. Staff comments:
Mr. Coley reminded the members that the next Planning Commission meeting is on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

9. Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Goals for 2023, Chapter 6.

a. Public Comment: None

b. Discussion / Vote:

Ms. Spicer made a motion that Chapter 6 of the Comprehensive Plan has been reviewed. Seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved 6/0.

10. Discussion regarding Agricultural II Zoning District.

a. Public Comment: None

b. Discussion / Vote:

Mr. Haney made a motion to amend the motion to revamp the ordinance to an Agricultural Control Free District ordinance and remove all restrictions that are currently in the ordinance so it remains control free. Motion failed due to lack of a second Discussion Followed.

Mr. Pearson made a motion to send the Agricultural II Zoning District proposal to County Council Seconded by Mr. Gaulin. Approved 4/2 (Haney and Adams against).

11. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:44 PM.