



MINUTES

6:00 PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present: Ms. McPhail
Mr. Honea
Mr. Kisker
Mr. Lyle
Mr. Ownbey
Mr. Richards

Staff Present: Matthew Anspach, Planner

Media Present: None

1. Call to Order

Ms. McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2015

Ms. McPhail pointed out a spelling correction in the minutes.

Mr. Honea motioned that minutes be approved as amended.

Mr. Ownbey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment for Agenda and Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes)

Mr. Tom Markovich spoke on his concerns for edits involved in the 32/38 review. He also spoke on articles in 32 that he believed should be in the Chapter 38 due to their required review by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

4. Follow Up to Commission's request for information regarding infrastructure plans for Northern Oconee.

The Commission discussed findings on previous infrastructure plans concerning potential sewer to Salem.

Ms. McPhail suggested to Mr. Richards that he talk with his Council representative to advocate reaching out to the Salem community to have a meeting discussing the implications and costs involved with any potential for sewer to their community.

5. Discussion and Consideration of proposed amendments to the Planning Commission Rules

Mr. Kisker motioned to approve the amendments to the Planning Commission's Rules of Procedure as presented and with the following changes:

-Article III, Section 2. Procedure- amend the amount of time given for individual public comment from 2 minutes to 3 minutes.

-Article IV, Section 3. Hearing Procedures- amend the amount of time given for parties requesting and opposing a variance from 20 minutes to 10 minutes.

Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 2015-35 Proposed Amendments to Ch. 32 Article 2

Mr. Anspach presented to the Commission the idea of having staff draft some of the ideas from public comment that would involve moving most or all of the remaining articles in Chapter 32 to Chapter 38. He discussed some of the issues of having ordinances that are appealed to the BZA in a chapter that does not deal with zoning. He added that if they did support this option, than making or considering edits to Items 6 through 10 would not be necessary at the current meeting.

Mr. Kisker motioned for staff to look at unifying most or all of the Articles in Chapter 32 with Chapter 38.

Mr. Lyle seconded the motion.

Ms. McPhail added during discussion that she would like for staff to look closely at the Wi-Fi towers and whether they can be considered different from communication towers in regards to permitting, as the Commission looks to potentially amend Chapter 32 with Chapter 38.

Staff agreed to include any new information on Wi-Fi towers in with the findings for potentially combining Chapters 32 and 38 at the next meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 2015-36 Proposed Amendments to Ch. 32 Article 4

Item was skipped due to vote taken in Item 6.

8. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 2015-37 Proposed Amendments to Ch. 32 Article 5

Item was skipped due to vote taken in Item 6.

9. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 2015-38 Proposed Amendments to Ch. 32 Article 6

Item was skipped due to vote taken in Item 6.

10. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 2015-39 Proposed Amendments to Ch. 32 Article 7

Item was skipped due to vote taken in Item 6.

11. Old Business

Mr. Richards asked what the status was of the Agricultural Advisory Committee's formation (AAC).

Mr. Anspach responded that the draft has been passed along to the appropriate people and the attorney position for the County was recently filled which should help process the recommendation provided by the Commission for the AAC's potential creation.

12. New Business

Mr. Anspach mentioned that the next meeting would be held on Monday, November 9.

7. Adjourn

Ms. McPhail declared the meeting adjourned. 6:52 PM.