

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, May 18, 2020

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members Present

Frankie Pearson
Mike Smith
Gwen McPhail
Alex Vassey
Mike Johnson
Stacy Lyles
Andy Gramling

Staff Present

Adam Chapman
Vivian Kompier

Media Present

None

1. Call to Order – Ms. McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
2. Invocation by Ms. Lyles
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person) -
Mr. Jerry Barnett commented that if the public is not allowed into the meetings the members of the Boards & Commission should not be either.
5. Commission member comment – Ms. Lyles and Mr. Gramling would like to see the public in the meetings as well, only a few people show up and it would not be hard to social distance.
6. Approval of minutes from 3/2/2020 – Mr. Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Mr. Vassey and approved 7/0.
7. County operations update – Oconee County is still open for business other than the Library and Parks and Recreation which will be reopening on a limited basis.
8. Clarification of motions and motions to rescind – The following motion was made at the

3/2/2020 meeting: Discussion regarding performance standards for specific uses in the County – Mr. Smith made a motion to go forward with this and set priorities and devise a letter for Council, seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved 5/2. Mr. Pearson and Mrs. Lyles voted against. Mr. Pearson made a motion to rescind the motion, seconded by Mr. Gramling and approved 7/0

Mr. Chapman clarified that Mr. Pearson should not have been able to rescind the motion because he voted against it.

Tonight a motion was made by Mr. Gramling to rescind the motion made on 3/2/2020 and Mr. Vassey seconded and was approved 7/0.

9. Census 2020 update – Mr. Chapman update that the count is still going on and that the government gave an extension of 120 days. West Union and Salem are the towns lagging behind.
10. Planning & Economic Development committee update – A motion was made at their meeting for staff to take the lead on the corridor plan development and return the specifics to the Planning & Economic Development committee coupled with the request that the Planning Commission not overlap or duplicate staff but supplement or assist staff. Staff and Administration is to come up with a plan send it to Planning & Economic Development so they can send it to Planning Commission. Destination Oconee already has a plan.
11. Brass Town Falls upgrade – Mr. Chapman informed the Commission about the upgrades that are needed at Brass Town Falls to make it sustainable.
12. USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction – USDA is accepting applications until 6/26/2020. Ms. McPhail would like us to apply for this grant using the County's grant person.
13. Unfinished Business – None
14. New Business –None
15. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6.20pm.

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