

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, March 20, 2023

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members

Gary Gaulin

Frankie Pearson

Mike Johnson

Teresa Spicer

David Nix

Pat Williams

Staff Present

James Coley, Planning Director

Elise Dunaway, Assistant to Planning & Codes

Media

Lauren Pierce, The Journal

1. Call to order – Mr. Pearson called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Gaulin.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Williams.
4. Approval of minutes from March 6, 2023 – Mrs. Spicer made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously 6/0
5. Public comment (non-agenda items): None

6. Commission member comments:

Mrs. Spicer gave an update on the Comp Plan. Including completion of 6.2.4.4, 5.3.1.3, 2.2.1.2

Mr. Gaulin presented information on Keep Oconee Beautiful Association (KOBA) litter pick up and discussed ways to be proactive in reducing the amount of litter in the county. Mr. Gaulin would like the Commission to discuss and address litter. Mr. Gaulin also requested the Commission to keep reviewing the goals set at the last meeting.

Mr. Williams presented information regarding meetings that have taken place regarding the sewer expansion to the southern part of the county. Mr. Williams also informed the Commission that a group has formed to advocate for protecting the natural aesthetics on HWY 11. Mr. Williams also encouraged the Commission to support the agricultural community.

7. Staff comments:

Mr. Coley reminded commissioners of the annual in service training in April.

Mr. Coley presented the Heirloom Farms development to the Commission. Discussion followed.

8. Presentation on sewer services and operations by OJRSA – Chris Eleazer
Mr. Eleazer gave a detailed and informative presentation to the Commission regarding sewer service and operations

Mr. Nix moved to table items 10 and 11. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion passes 6/0

9. Discussion regarding Oconee County Ordinance Chapter 34, 34-143 Use of Public Sewer
 - a. Public Comment:
Mr. Tom Markovich discusses city annexation requirements for water service
 - b. Discussion / Vote:
Mr. Nix moved to have Chapter 34, 34-143 sent to Mr. Root to review any needed changes or omissions. Motion passes 6/0.
10. Discussion regarding Density and the Zoning District Standards of Oconee county Ordinances Chapter 38, 38-10-2 – 38-10-13. –**Tabled-**
 - a. Public Comment:
 - b. Discussion / Vote:
11. Discussion regarding proposal for Growth Management Diagnostic Study by outside consultant.
–**Tabled-**
12. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:32 PM.