

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Thursday, January 19, 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

David Root, County Attorney

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. Root.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.
4. Approval of minutes from January 5, 2023 – Mr. Pearson moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Williams. 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 and 5.3.2.4.

Mr. Williams commented on development and density standards throughout the state and where Oconee County is headed with growth especially as it relates to infrastructure. Mr. Williams is concerned with density and development standards.

Mr. Gaulin commented on the relationship between sewer infrastructure and growth, specifically how development will be more attractive along sewer. He mentioned having OJRSA present to the commission and help shape and plan for future growth.

7. Staff comments:
None

8. Discussion regarding South Carolina Freedom of Information Act with County Attorney.
Mr. Root briefed the members on what constitutes as a quorum and to mindful of “meetings.”
Discussion on what information is eligible to obtain through a FOIA request.
9. Discussion regarding draft Junkyard ordinance, receipt of comments from County Attorney
 - a. Public Comment:
None
 - b. Discussion / Vote:
Mr. Gaulin moved to have the county attorney to put the proposed ordinance in final form and resubmit it to the Planning Commission ordinance ready. Seconded by Mr. Williams.
Approved 6/0.
Mr. Root read through the proposed Junkyard Ordinance and had ongoing discussion and clarification with the members on different edits throughout the document.
10. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:00 PM.