

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in the Municipal Building at 5:15 p. m. on April 9, 2012

INVOCATION: Mr. Hicks rendered the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: Michael Armbrister Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, Erwin Rowland, Betty Keith, Charles Wassum and Ralph Price.

PRESENT: Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Bob Ramsey, Larry Carter, Alice Freeman, Jim Barker, Dan Surface, Town Engineer Cecil Hicks, Deputy Clerk Anita Carton, Town Attorney Mark Fenyk and Town Manager John Clark.

Members Absent: Ben Reedy.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: The meeting was called to order, and with 6 voting members present, the Commission has a quorum.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Carter and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the last meeting held March 12, 2012 were approved with corrections.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: No Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: No Report

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: No Report

REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Chairman Wolfe stated Michael Armbrister was present to review the last two chapters of the Comprehensive Plan and turned the floor over to Mr. Armbrister.

Mr. Armbrister began with Chapter 8 which is the planning process and indicated this chapter may be used to identify issues that citizens feel are of importance to the future of Marion. Information in this chapter came from the Survey's that were online for the public to submit and also from the two open house meetings.

Discussion Ensued.

Chapter 9 contains information with regards to goals and objectives from all chapters in the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion ensued with several Planning Commission members questioning certain wording in this chapter and how this could be changed to better show the vision for Marion. In the new Comprehensive Plan please list the accomplishments completed since the last plan.

With no more questions or comments Mr. Armbrister thanked Commission Members and indicated he would make the corrections and have the revised copies for their review before submitting a copy to

Town Council for comments. The draft copy will be available online and an informational meeting for citizen input will be set before the finalization.

Chairman Wolfe thanked Mr. Armbrister for his hard work on this Comprehensive Plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Hicks has not received all the requested information regarding the parking requirements. Therefore this item must be continued.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Hicks will present to Council the possibility of updating the Zoning Ordinance. He feels there are certain areas that may need to be updated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman Wolfe opened the floor for nomination of Chairman. Upon motion of Mr. Surface, seconded by Mr. Carter and a vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, Chairman Wolfe and Vice-Chairman Ramsey will continue to hold their current office.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday May 14, 2012.

Upon motion, duly seconded, and a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary