

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in the Municipal Building at 5:15 p.m. on May 11, 2009.

INVOCATION: Mr. Hicks rendered the invocation

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

VISITORS: None

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Mel Leaman, Alice Freeman, Larry Carter, James Barker, Bob Ramsey, Town Engineer Cecil Hicks,

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

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Carter and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as written and distributed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mrs. Freeman nominated Cameron Wolfe for Chairman. There were no other nominations. Mr. Carter moved that the nominations cease, Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion and by a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, Mr. Wolfe was elected Chairman of the Planning Commission by proclamation.

Mr. Carter nominated Mrs. Freeman as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. Mr. Carter moved that the nominations cease, Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion and by a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, Mrs. Freeman was elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Freeman noted that the Matrix to the Zoning Ordinance does not have a category that addresses Tattoo Parlors. This needs to be identified in the Matrix and the location of a parlor needs to have perimeters within the Town. Mr. Hicks will follow up on this. Mr. Carter stated that the Matrix also does not have a category that addresses Animal Kennels. Mr. Hicks will follow up on this also.

Mr. Wolfe stated that there is a drainage problem in front of East End Baptist Church on the corner of Park Blvd. Mr. Hicks informed Mr. Wolfe that the Street Committee would review the problem.

Upon motion of Mrs. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, Planning Commission will meet at least once every quarter to discuss any issues or problems that may arise through the year.

Mrs. Freeman hopes that the Planning Commission will have a voice in the parking lot issue, if or when the old school house is demolished. Mr. Leaman stated that Council, at this point, has not seen any plans or designs for the parking lot project. Council, at their last regular meeting, voted to secure the school from the County, if the County desires, and apply for a grant in the amount of \$250,000. to refurbish the building for the possible use by the Appalachian School of Music.

Mr. Barker asked that the Town have liaison to attend the County Board meetings because the decisions that the County makes can affect the Town.

Upon motion, duly seconded, and vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary