

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building on June 12, 2017 at 5:15pm.

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

INVOCATION: Vice-Chairman Bob Ramsey.

VISITORS: Brian Reed, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission.

PRESENT: Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Vice-Chairman Bob Ramsey, Dan Surface, Jim Barker and Ben Reedy (arriving late) Commission Members, Town Manager/Zoning Administrator Bill Rush, Assistant Town Manager/Engineer Cecil Hicks (arriving late), Deputy Clerk Anita Catron and Town Attorney Mark Fenyk.

ABSENT: Alice Freeman and Trey White Planning Commission Members.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: As the meeting was called to order, with 4 voting members present, the Commission has a quorum.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Surface and vote of 4 AYES and 0 NOES, minutes of the meeting held May 8, 2017, were approved as written. Messrs Surface, Wolfe, Barker and Ramsey voted affirmatively.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: No Report

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: No Report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Rush discussed an inquiry he received from a citizen regarding turning a single family home into a seasonal Hostel for Hikers. He would like information regarding this possibility. (Mr. Hicks and Mr. Reedy arrived).

RIGHT OF WAY WORDING OR REQUIREMENTS FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Chairman Wolfe requested Mr. Rush to review the purposed amendment. Mr. Rush stated this discussion has been on-going, and he feels there will need to be more reading and research for an answer to this. He requested Chairman Wolfe to continue this item at the next meeting. Chairman Wolfe stated this review would be continued at the next meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION: Chairman Wolfe stated the next item for discussion was continued review of the Comprehensive Plan and asked Mr. Brian Reed with Mount Rogers PDC to proceed with the review. Mr. Reed presented members with updated maps. He reviewed these stating the Zoning and Future Land Use maps are different from the last ones. This is due in part to the annexation by the town. He informed members the existing Land Use and Zoning maps do match. This could be due to changes in area zoning there were not changed on the maps. Discussion ensued regarding various areas that need to be checked for updates. The Future Land Use Map is not complete yet. The biggest changes will be on the Water & Sewer Lines map due to new lines being constructed. The Transportation Improvements map has several parts finishes. Mr. Reed would like to work with Mr. Rush and Public Works department for other changes. Maps needing no changes: Historic District, Slope & Flood Plain and Enterprise Zone. Mrs. Freeman had indicated at a previous meeting she had suggested changes for the housing section. He would like to have all changes e-mailed to him as soon as possible so he can incorporate these into the Comprehensive Plan before members review it. Mr. Reed suggested a time be set so he and Rocky Warren, also with Mount Rogers Planning District Commission can meet with staff and various department heads to gather needed information. He would like to get a list of future projects and add a smaller sub-section for the Downtown area and a sub-section for CIRP. Mr. Rush asked that he send dates and times they are available to meet, and he will schedule the meeting having all needed staff and department heads to attend.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: No July meeting will be scheduled for Planning Commission. This will allow time for the requested meetings, and changes to be completed in the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioners will then review these changes at the next meeting scheduled for August 14, 2017 at 5:15pm in Town Council Chambers.

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

Chairman

Secretary