

**MINUTES**  
**TELLICO PLAINS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, December 10, 2018**

**Members Present**

Mitch Millsaps, Chair  
Mike Atkins, Secretary  
Patrick Hawkins, Mayor  
Chad Johnson

**Members Absent**

Larry Harris, Alderman

**Others Present**

Ruth Viergutz Hawk, Staff  
Greg Altum, Press

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Millsaps called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hawkins moved to approve the October 8, 2018, minutes as submitted. Commissioner Atkins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF TELLICO PLAINS SIGN ORDINANCE**

Hawk reported that Volunteer Federal Bank is seeking to remove their existing time/temperature sign and add a full color electronic message center (EMC) sign. An EMC sign has the motion picture capability. It was agreed that an EMC sign is not permitted in the current ordinance. A general discussion followed regarding how the new sign ordinance should address EMC signs. Concerns were expressed about brightness of such signs, being distracting to drivers, and not wanting such signs downtown. Hawk will research these kinds of signs and see how other jurisdictions regulate such signs. No action was taken.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE TELLICO PLAINS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO CHANGE THE ANNUAL MEETING DATE**

The By-Laws currently require the annual meeting to be held in August. Because the town elections are now in November, it would be best to move the annual meeting to February. The Town Board does not meet in December and January would be the first meeting after an election to appoint the Board's planning commission representative and for the Mayor to appoint new planning commissioners.

Mayor Hawkins moved to amend the By-Laws by changing the annual meeting to February. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

**REPORT ON MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT REVIEW/APPROVAL**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. Hawk conducted a one-hour training session on Private Property Rights.

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Secretary

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Date