

**MINUTES**  
**VONORE MUNICIPAL/REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Vonore City Hall**  
**Tuesday, April 7, 2015**  
**6:00 PM**

**Members Present**

Allen Cansler, Chairman  
Mike Garren, Secretary  
Bob Lovingood, Mayor  
Harold Davis

**Members Absent**

Steve Baker  
Melinda Fowler  
Jennifer Wiggins

**Others Present**

Ruth Viergutz Hawk, Planner  
Greg Altum, Press

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cansler called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Lovingood moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF VONORE, TENNESSEE, TO INCORPORATE ORDINANCE 10-06, THE ADOPTED FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS, INTO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT; TO ELIMINATE OUT OF DATE FLOOD RELATED DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS; AND TO UPDATE BUILDING CODE REFERENCES**

Staff presented the ordinance and explained the needed changes were identified when updating the text of the Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to clarify where the previously adopted Floodplain Regulations should be placed in the Zoning Ordinance, to establish the floodplain variance application fee, to establish the maximum time of 90 days for action on a floodplain variance request, to delete out-of-date floodplain requirements and definitions, and to delete references to the Standard Building Code.

Mayor Lovingood moved to recommend to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approval of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Garren seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**UPDATE ON ASSISTED LIVING PROJECT**

Staff reported that she had talked with Gene Rudesill, developer of the assisted living development. Mr. Rudesill stated that they were working out details with the property owner's attorney, they were in the process of getting an estimate on the road project, and that they were working with a bank to secure financing for the project. It will take several months to work through these items. In the meantime Mr. Rudesill is continuing to work with his architect on the design of the project and will contact staff to schedule a preliminary review meeting when farther along in the design.

**FUTURE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Staff reported that the East Tennessee Development District, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and the UT Institute of Agriculture were hosting a joint training session at the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge on understanding topographic maps, soils and best management practices, sinkholes, wetlands and stream ecology. If interested in attending, please let staff know.

John Lamb, Director of Planning for Blount County, has offered to conduct a training session for all of the Monroe County planning commissioners. The training will likely be held at the Madisonville City Hall and the date will be dependent on Mr. Lamb's availability. The training, entitled "Population at the Speed of Life – Health Consideration in Growth, Planning, and the Built Environment" highlights health factors in population growth and change and explores the relation between health, planning and the built environment, and the core purposes of planning and other government functions.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Staff conducted a 1 hour training session on "Flood Damage Prevention".

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Michael Garren, Secretary

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