

MINUTES
VONORE MUNICIPAL/REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Vonore Community Center
Tuesday, June 2, 2015
6:00 PM

Members Present

Allen Cansler, Chairman
Bob Lovingood, Mayor
Harold Davis
Melinda Fowler
Jennifer Wiggins

Members Absent

Mike Garren, Secretary
April Sloan

Others Present

Ruth Viergutz Hawk, Planner
Greg Altum, Press

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cansler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Lovingood moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2015. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL 008.00 OF MONROE COUNTY TAX MAP 0280, GROUP C, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHURCH STREET APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET EAST OF CARVER STREET, FROM C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (Robert Farnsworth, Applicant)

Staff presented the rezoning ordinance. The property has R-1 zoned property surrounding it and the rezoning would be compatible with the existing land uses within the area.

Mayor Lovingood moved to recommend approval of the rezoning request to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF VONORE, TENNESSEE, SECTION 11-405. R-2, HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 11-406. A-1, AGRICULTURE DISTRICT, SECTION 11-606. MOBILE HOMES AND MOBILE HOME PARKS, TO DELETE FREESTANDING MOBILE HOMES AS AN ALLOWED USE, AND SECTION 11-607. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN USES, TO REQUIRE HOUSING UNITS TO HAVE FOUNDATIONS WHICH ARE COMPLETELY ENCLOSED

Staff presented two drafts of the ordinance, one which required permanent foundations for all housing units and one which did not. The permanent foundation requirement would apply to double wide mobile homes, but not single wide mobile homes located within mobile home parks. A general discussion followed.

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Mayor Lovingood moved to recommend approval of the zoning ordinance text amendments, including the requirement of permanent foundations for all housing units, to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE VONORE MUNICIPAL/REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Staff presented the proposed By-Laws. A general discussion followed. It was agreed that the annual meeting would be held in November.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the By-Laws. Mayor Lovingood seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Staff reported that John Lamb, Director of Planning for Blount County, will conduct a training session for all of the Monroe County planning commissioners on Thursday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Madisonville City Hall. 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.

There will also be a training session on June 30, at 5:30 p.m., at the UT Arboretum, Oak Ridge.

OTHER BUSINESS

Staff reported that the reprint of the Zoning Ordinance is complete, but felt if the text amendments heard this evening were approved that it would be best to incorporate those changes prior to final printing. The commission concurred.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Michael Garren, Secretary

Date