## MINUTES TELLICO PLAINS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Monday, October 8, 2018

**Members Present** 

Mitch Millsaps, Chair Patrick Hawkins, Mayor Larry Harris, Alderman **Members Absent** 

Mike Atkins, Secretary Chad Johnson **Others Present** 

Ruth Viergutz Hawk, Staff Greg Altum, Press Jeff Silbernagel

#### CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Millsaps called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Commissioner Harris moved to approve the August 13, 2018, minutes as submitted. Mayor Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

# DISCUSSION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENT OF A TWENTY (20) FOOT WIDE UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAY WHICH RUNS WEST OF AND PARALLEL TO HUNT STREET BETWEEN 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET AND 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ADJACENT TO PARCELS 036.00 AND 037.00, TAX MAP 146A, GROUP A (Jeffrey Silbernagel, Applicant)

Staff presented the request and Exhibit A (attached), which shows the existing right-of-way and adjacent properties. A general discussion followed. Dr. Silbernagel owns both Parcels 036.00 and 037.00. Commissioner Harris suggested the Town employees review all these old alleys and determine which alleys should be retained by the Town. No existing utilities are located within this alley.

Mayor Hawkins moved to recommend to City Council to take into consideration abandoning the twenty (20) foot unnamed right-of-way that runs between and parallel to Hunt Street and Highway 68 and between Parcels 036.00 and 037.00, Tax Map 146A, Group A, with the condition that the property owner pay all the expenses of transfer. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

None

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next regular meeting would fall on Veterans Day, November 12, which is a holiday. By consensus the commission agreed to not have a November meeting.

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### DISCUSSION OF THE TELLICO PLAINS SIGN ORDINANCE

Staff lead a discussion on the Tennessee Department of Transportation sign regulations and the current Tellico Plains Sign Ordinance. A general discussion followed. It was agreed that the goal is to improve visibility, but to also reduce clutter and provide for off premise directional signs. Key intersections for off-premise signage would be Highway 68 at Mecca Pike, Veterans Memorial Drive at Main Street, Cherohala Skyway at Ballplay Road, Cherohala Skyway at Bank Street, Mecca Pike at Bank Street, and Highway 68 at Bank Street. It was also agreed that the sign ordinance should be simplified.

Staff presented a youtube video on Green River, Utah, "Can this rural town go from a youth exodus to an art epicenter". A general discussion followed about the video and how it could be applied to Tellico Plains.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.	
Secretary	Date

