



GATE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 1, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Gate City Planning Commission was held Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Gate City Town Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jo Ann Castle, Vickie Roberts and Delany Herron.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Bartley, Roger Cassell

ALSO PRESENT: Michele Brooks, Gate City Town Attorney and Greg Jones, Town Manager.

GUESTS PRESENT: None

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

With three (3) voting members present, the requirements for a quorum are met.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION:

No one present requesting audience.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the last regular meeting held March 4, 2014 were presented.

Motion made by Delany Herron to adopt the minutes from March 4, 2014.

Motion seconded by Jo Ann Castle.

VOTING AYE: Jo Ann Castle, Vickie Roberts and Delany Herron.

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Tim Bartley and Roger Cassell

ABSTAINING: None

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

(A) **SECRETARY:** Nothing to report.

B) COMMITTEES:

- 1) Comprehensive Plan: Greg Jones informed the Commission that up-dates to the Comprehensive Plan will begin in conjunction with budget deliberations, probably in May or June.
- 2) Land Use: Nothing to Report
- 3) Subdivision: Nothing to report.
- 4) Zoning: Nothing to report
- 5) Capital Improvements: Nothing to report.

A) **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

A Mr. Jones reports that steps have been initiated to have the abandoned manufactured home removed from the Old Scott Motel property on U.S. 23-S. This district is zoned commercial and is not permitted for residential structures.

B. Mr. Jones also informed the Commission that the sidewalk improvements on East Jackson Street could not be extended any further than where the project now ends. To meet the four foot width required for sidewalks, the improvements would encounter existing power poles which would be cost prohibited to move.

(B) **TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER:**

(A). Absent

C.) **GATE CITY TOWN ATTORNEY:**

(A.) Ms. Brooks informed the Commission that the Scott County Tourism Board is considering moving the ' Virginia is for Lover's' sign from its present location, adjacent to the Kane Street Bridge to the new tourist wayside to be developed at the Old King Ford Property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

(A) Member Vickie Roberts reported that she has discovered that the tax rate for storefront businesses that are not currently producing sales or business tax revenue and/or are not actively being offered for sale/rent or lease, can be adjusted up to compensate for the loss of revenue.

Mr. Jones then stated that the owners of buildings, unused for an extensive period of time, can also be required to provide the results of structural engineering inspections to demonstrate the building's safety.

(B) Ms. Roberts also has a meeting planned with a community landscape designer to look at possible future decorative landscaping in Gate City.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Vickie Roberts and seconded by Jo Ann Castle.

VOTING AYE: Delany Herron, Vickie Roberts and Jo Ann Castle

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Tim Bartley and Roger Cassell

ABSTAINING: None

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM

Secretary, Jo Ann Castle

Delany Herron, Chairman
Approved: 6-3-2014