

MINUTES

PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

October 10, 2016

Chairman Bill Cagle called the Pickens County Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE

Members of the Pickens County Planning Commission in attendance were:

Bill Cagle
Pat Holmes
Clayton Preble
Jim Fowler
Maurice Hendrix
Harold Hensley

County Staff in attendance:

Richard Osborne - Director-Planning & Development
Phil Landrum-Attorney
Marcia Garrett-Secretary

Others in attendance:

Mari Livsey-KnowPickens.com
Dan Pool-Progress
Ed Simmons
Pat Simmons
Tim Prather

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Pat Holmes, seconded by Jim Fowler, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016, meeting as written. Members voted 6-0 to unanimously approve the minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Richard Osborne informed the Board that he had met with Larry Coleman and Phil Landrum to review Chapter 74. Utilities and after reconsideration a decision was made to readopt Chapter 74 Utilities with minor changes based on current policy. Clayton Preble made a motion, seconded by Pat Holmes, to approve the text amendment to readopt Chapter 74. Utilities with minor changes based on current policy as submitted. The Planning Commission voted 6 (yes) (Pat Holmes, Bill Cagle, Clayton Preble, Jim Fowler, Maurice Hendrix, and Harold Hensley) to 0 (no) to approve the text amendment with unanimous approval.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A public hearing was held regarding a request submitted by William Edward Simmons to rezone 5.167 acres of property located at 2514 Highway 515 South, Jasper, Georgia. The current use listed for the property is Highway Business (HB). If approved, the purpose of changing the zoning from Highway Business (HB) to Suburban Residential (SR) is to allow to enable Mr. Simmons to qualify for a residential loan and to allow his two sisters and their mother to each have a residence so they will be in close proximity to their mother. After hearing the staff report, and testimony from the applicant with opposition from one citizen the public hearing was closed, Pat Holmes made a motion, seconded by Jim Fowler, to approve the rezone request. The Planning Commission voted 6 (yes) (Pat Holmes, Bill Cagle, Jim Fowler, Clayton Preble, Maurice Hendrix, and Harold Hensley) to 0 (no) to approve the rezone request. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for action.

The second item on the agenda was discussion regarding a proposal for operating a pet cemetery. Planning Commission members asked for more information regarding pet cemeteries and from Mr. Morris on how he plans to run it and other specifics.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Harold Hensley, seconded by Maurice Hendrix, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Unanimous approval.