

PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

October 14, 2019

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

I. ATTENDANCE

Bill Cagle
Pat Holmes
Clayton Preble
Harold Hensley
Maurice Hendrix

County Staff in attendance:

Rodney Buckingham – Planning & Development Director
Miranda Siniard
Stacey Godfrey

Others in attendance:

Dan Pool – Progress
KnowPickens.com
Charles & Cathy Hoetink
Nancy Maddox
Ken Bobo
Emily Matthews
Linda Kumpfert
Chris Groubard
Ed Smith

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hendrix gave the invocation.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Harold Hensley, seconded by Commissioner Maurice Hendrix, to adopt the minutes of the September 9, 2019, meeting as written. Members voted unanimously 4 (yes) to 0 (no) to approve the minutes as amended.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of County Ordinances.

Rodney Buckingham stated that Mr. Ethan Calhoun with NGRC is compiling additional information requested from the September Planning & Commission meeting, regarding County Ordinances on Tiny Homes, and Campers. Mr. Calhoun will attend the November 4th meeting with the updated information.

V. NEW BUSINESS

RZ-8-19-1283 Charles & Cathy Hoetink

A Public Hearing was held to review a rezone application submitted by Charles & Cathy Hoetink to change the zoning from Rural Residential (RR) to Agricultural (AG). Rodney Buckingham presented the staff report, the intent is to build a farm winery and plant approximately one and one-half (1.5) acres in grapes, in 2020 and 2021 totaling three (3) acres in grapes. In 2022 Mr. & Mrs. Hoetink plant to plant another two (2) acres in grapes totaling five (5) acres. The Farm Winery would have hours of operation to the public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from noon until 6 pm. Staff recommends approval of the rezone to Agricultural (AG).

After reviewing the application, receiving the staff report recommending approval; listening to testimony from the applicant with minimal public input from Ed Smith, Jones Mtn. Road, concerned about his taxes being higher once the winery opened. Commissioner Cagle responded that Mr. Smith could check with the Tax Commissioner's office about the taxes. The Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Clayton Preble made a motion, second by Pat Holmes, to recommend approval of the rezone request to Agricultural (AG). The Planning Commission Voted (4) Yes (Clayton Preble, Pat Holmes, Harold Hensley, and Maurice Hendrix), to 0 (No) to approve the rezone request of 36.61 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Agricultural (AG). Unanimous Approval.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Clayton Preble requested that all personnel attend the November 4th meeting that would have any approval in building a Tiny Home. Mr. Rodney Buckingham stated that he would have the County Fire Marshall attend the November meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Harold Hensley, seconded by Commissioner Maurice Hendrix, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Unanimous approval 4 (yes) to 0 (no).