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### TOWN OF TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA Planning Commission Meeting Monday, September 14, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Town of Tazewell Council Chambers

# Call to Order by Planning Commission Chairman

(Please bring your Code Book & Comprehensive Plan if you own one)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Invocation
- 3. Approval of Minutes [Planning Commission Meeting of August 3, 2015]
- 4. Update of Coral Drive & Lyons Ave Work (Chris)
- 5. Request of Conditional Use Permit (David Havens)
- 6. Vote to Name street off Campbell Drive (Chris)
- 7. Joint Public Hearing for Zoning (Oct 13, 2015)
- 8. Comprehensive Plan Dicussion (Chris)
- 9. Last Minute Additions and/or Concerns
- 10. Adjournment

### Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 3, 2015

The Tazewell Planning Commission met at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Present:	Absent:
Planning Commission Member Kenneth Mulkey	Planning Commission Member Richard Taylor
Planning Commission Member Jack Murray	Planning Commission Member Benny Moore
Planning Commission Member Edith Jackson	Planning Commission Member Charity McDaniel
Planning Commission Chair Susan Reeves	Town Manager Todd Day (Non-Voting Member)

Staff present was Town Attorney Brad Pyott; Town Clerk Leeanne Billings; and Zoning, Property & Maintenance Official Chris Hurley.

# CALL TO ORDER

Planning Commission Chair Reeves called the meeting to order and lead the pledge of allegiance. Planning Commission Member Jackson gave the invocation.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

At this meeting there was not a quorum, they could not vote to approve the minutes. Minutes from the July meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

# CONDEMNATION OF THE GILLEY HOUSE

Zoning, Property & Maintenance Official Chris Hurley stated that this property is an unsafe structure. The property is located at 217 W Riverside Drive, North Tazewell, Virginia. The owner came to the office to see what they could do to keep it from being condemned. It was stated that after a certain percentage of the property has been torn down to remodel the entire property would have to be torn down. He is unsure at the moment what percentage it is but will find out. Also, if the house is torn down they would not be able to rebuild because it would not meet set back requirements. This will be tabled until the next meeting and discussed further.

# CONDEMNATION ON BISHOP STREET

A house on Bishop Street owned by Clyde Lane maybe the next house on the condemnation list. However, Mr. Lane is currently working on his own to find someone to demolish the property.

#### **COMPREHESIVE PLAN**

Zoning, Property & Maintenance Official Chris Hurley has been working on updating the Comprehensive Plan and Art Meade will be helping. Attorney Brad Pyott stated that we needed to amend the spelling errors in "Comprehensive" and make sure the words are spelled correctly because it is public record.

Art Meade with the Weldon Cooper Center came before the Planning Commission to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan shows where the community is going. It is a plan for the future. It is for land use instructions and guidelines. If we try to regulate how someone does something on their property they could hire an attorney and bring a suit against the Town. If the Town has an error in procedure the attorney can use that in their case. Example: voting on something without a quorum, we can't do that. Example: having a public hearing and not advertising the correct length of time. The Comprehensive Plan will have guidelines and procedures of how to operate and regulate our Town zoning, planning, etc. As the Constitution is the laws that govern the United States, same goes for the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Tazewell.

Art Meade would recommend the Planning Commission thoroughly review and make changes before it is presented again to the Town Council.

Town Attorney Brad Pyott stated that statute requires every five years that the Comprehensive Plan be reviewed. Planning Commission Chair Reeves asked when does it have to be reviewed by. Attorney Pyott stated Manager Day would like it done by the end of the year. Planning Commission Member Murray stated that he thinks they should review it on their own then study it as a group.

#### CONCERNS

Planning Commission Member Murray questioned why the old jail building across the street from the Town Hall is just sitting there. It was stated that Mike and Cecelia Hymes are in progress of getting a new roof. They would like to have that completed by winter. They are going by historical guidelines to receive tax credits. Town Attorney Brad Pyott stated that the Town did not have a Historical Board. If they have questions as to what the standards are, there is no one to answer that.

#### ADOJURNMENT

Motion was made by Planning Commission Member Murray to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Planning Commission Member Mulkey. On vote: Chairperson Reeves, aye; Planning Commission Member Mulkey, aye; Planning Commission Member Murray, aye; Planning Commission Member Jackson, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.









