

Carter County Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2019

Members Present

Jerry Pearman

Ray Lyons

Ralph Watson

Sonja Culler

Jerry Smith

Randall Jenkins

Robert Acuff

Steve Pierce

Bobbie Dietz

Kelly Collins

Members Absent

Ken Arney

Office Staff in Attendance

Chris Schuettler, Director

Mel McKay, Building Inspector

Diane Cannon, Adm. Assistant

Jay Cook, Codes Enforcement Officer

Kristin Powell, Stormwater Coordinator

Local Planning Staff in Attendance

Elizabeth Poczobut, First Tennessee Development District

County Officials in Attendance

Mayor Russell "Rusty" Barnett

Abby Frye, Adm. Assistant to Mayor Barnett

Brad Johnson, Chairman, Board of Zoning Appeals

1. **Roll Call.** Quorum met.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda.** Motion to approve by Randall Jenkins. Second by Robert Acuff. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of July 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes.** Motion by Sonja Culler to approve as written. Second by Robert Acuff. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Permit Requirements/Contractor Licensing/Floor Assembly Insulation.** Mel McKay gave a presentation regarding the need for building permits and requirements for issuance. Several questions were asked during the presentation. (Note: This should satisfy 2 hours of educational training required each year).
5. **R & B RV Park.** (Postponed) Engineering work yet to be completed.
6. **Updates on Projects.** Mr. Schuettler stated the Goodhall development is going ahead quickly. Mr. Goodhall plans to announce the name of the development later. Moving forward, he hopes to have a groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 17, 2019 at 10:30. Mr. Schuettler stated this will be a wonderful addition to Carter County. Dr. Robert Acuff stated Mr. Goodhall is open for visitors to see development thus far. Several members of the board said they would love to go and Dr. Acuff said he will arrange a good time for all. Mr. Jenkins asked if the Planning Office's part is done? Mr. Schuettler stated that all approvals have been requested and approved. Mr. Lyons asked if there was any way we can dispel this last meeting (referencing the meeting Mr. Goodhall requested to set the date for ground breaking) in which the local news questioned the Sunshine Law being broken. Mr. Schuettler stated he would address this matter later in meeting. Mr. Brad Johnson asked what this development is going to do for our office staff. Mr. Schuettler stated it will create more work.
7. **Report on Recovery Soldiers Ministries.** Mel McKay and Chris Schuettler has spent many hours researching this matter. Mr. McKay presented the paperwork that was handed out by a concerned resident of the Piedmont Dr. community and several inaccuracies were dispelled from the said report.
8. **Jack Hampton Report.** Kristin Powell presented the report for July. \$17,110.00 was deposited into the General Fund, for said month.
9. **Codes Enforcement Report.** Kristin Powell, Mel McKay, and Jay Cook presented the power point presentation of stop work orders, stormwater and litter violations. Dr. Acuff asked about the shell of a mobile home near Hunter Elementary and Mr. Cook reported it is slated to go to Court. Randall Jenkins asked if we have a pay scale in place to reward staff for certifications they have attained. To date Mel McKay has seven certifications, Jay Cook has two, and Kristin Powell has one. All are working toward additional certifications. Mr. Jenkins recommended \$2,500 increase for each certification achieved.
10. **Director's Report.** Mr. Schuettler stated there was one key element he wanted to address, "Never he has never been named nor has the Regional Planning Commission Office in a lawsuit due to our actions, and never did he plan to ever allow too". He stated that the meeting that was set up by Mr. Goodhall, as he has done on numerous

occasions, did not break the Sunshine Law and if the news reporter had bothered to question him he would have been happy to address the matter (footage shown on air shows the Mayor and Sonja Culler being questioned but Mr. Schuettler, Mr. Goodhall, and Mr. Rick Becka were shown leaving the meeting but were not interviewed). Mr. Jenkins questioned when this board made a motion to award Mr. Schuettler a \$14,000 bonus? Schuettler stated it was addressed in the approved minutes but did not have the said minutes with him at this time, but he had supplied the said minutes to all that has requested them to include the news media. Mr. Lyons requested a copy of those minutes. Mr. Schuettler stated he would have them at the next meeting.

11. **Public Query.** No one requested to speak.

12. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn by Sonja Culler. Seconded by Ralph Watson. Meeting adjourned.