

PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

of

December 8th, 2014

6:30pm

**PICKENS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Main Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Cato, Vice Chair
Weldon Clark
Bob Ballentine
Jo Johnston
Bob Young

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Brink, Community Development Director
Marshall Brown, County Planner

Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Cato, presiding official, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Cato asked those in attendance to join in a moment of silence and recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cato asked the members of the Commission to introduce themselves and to state which County Council member they represent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cato asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the November 10th, 2014 meeting. Mr. Ballentine motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Clark seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

No one was present wishing to address the Commission.

Public Hearing

Mr. Cato opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

1. LU-14-009 Telecommunications tower land use request for Faulk and Foster. Proposed site is located at 664 Thomas Road, Pickens.
Tax Map# 4181-09-15-6433

Mr. Cato opened the public hearing.

Mr. Ivan Mousaw, representing Faulk and Foster, appeared before the Commission and gave a summary of the applicant's request and asked for questions from the commission. Mr. Mousaw explained that this tower is replacing an existing tower that will be taken down at the request of the property owner, that this tower meets or will meet all the respective requirements of the development ordinances of the county; that he understands planning staff's concerns and that the cellular provider will have all necessary surveying done and plats drawn as required by staff.

There were no additional comments from the applicant, nor was any one present that wished to speak in opposition.

Mr. Brink explained to the members of the Commission the standards for tower locating; that the development ordinance section pertaining to cell towers prohibits a tower from being located on property that is used for residential; that the proposed site for the wireless facility currently has two residential structures located on it and they must be separated (by survey and plat) from the property that the tower will be located. Mr. Brink further explained that it has been standard practice to allow for conditional approval of a wireless facility with appropriate conditions attached requiring a survey and plat be approved by staff and recorded prior to tower permitting.

Mr. Cato asked if there were any questions from the Commission.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Cato closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

Mr. Clark made the motion to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Mr. Young. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners and Staff Discussion

Members of the Commission and staff discussed the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update process. For the benefit of the new members, staff gave a brief overview of the process discussed at the last meeting and informed the members that the process will be postponed until the first of 2015 to allow the new members a chance to read and absorb the comprehensive plan materials that were given to them. At the January meeting, if time permits, a special meeting/work session will be held to re-introduce the material that was presented at the November special meeting.

Members of the Commission also discussed the need for the election of new officers since Mr. Wilkie, Chairman, is no longer on the Commission. Staff explained that an election is only called for in the By-Laws in June of each year and no provision is made when elected officers are no longer serving on the Commission; that if the Commission so chooses, they could suspend the rules and conduct an election or continue until June with the presiding official being the Vice Chair. Consensus was to hold an election as called for in the By-Laws.

Adjourn

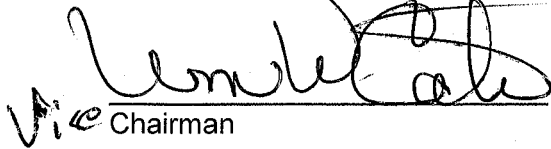
There being no additional matters to be taken up by the Commission, Mr. Clark motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion was seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm

Submitted by:


Secretary

1/12/2015
Date

Approved by:


Vice Chairman

01/12/2015
Date