

PICKENS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

of

June 8th, 2015

6:30pm

**PICKENS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Main Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Cato, Chair
Weldon Clark, Vice Chair
Dennis Reinert
Jo Johnston
Bob Young

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Brink, Community Development Director

Election of Officers

Mr. Cato, the presiding official, opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Clark nominated Mr. Cato as Chairman.

There being no additional nominations offered, nominations were closed.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Cato was elected Chairman.

Mr. Cato opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Clark nominated himself as Vice-Chairman.

There being no additional nominations offered, nominations were closed.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Clark was elected Vice-Chairman.

Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Cato called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cato asked for a motion regarding the minutes of the March 8th, 2015 meeting. Mrs. Johnston motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Clark seconded the motion with a change; that Commission Member Johnston be referred to in the minutes as Mrs. Johnston rather than Ms. Johnston; 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-15-003 Proposed 180' monopole telecommunications tower land use request for SBA Towers V, LLC. Located near Johnson Rd, Easley.
Tax Map# 5018-20-72-6392

Mr. Jonathan Yates, representing SBA Towers V, appeared before the Commission and gave a very brief summary of the applicant's request. Mr. Yates explained the need for a tower in the proposed location and reviewed the approval standards; that SBA Towers is proposing a 180 foot monopole wireless communications tower on property being leased from West End Baptist Church located on Johnson Road and Mission Drive in Easley; that the property is currently vacant and is heavily wooded; that the tower location on the property exceeds all of the setback requirements of the county, specifically the setbacks from adjoining residential property and from adjacent roadways; that the site affords the opportunity to utilize the existing vegetation as buffer but will be supplemented by vegetation around the equipment enclosure; that the tower will not have to be lighted because of the height.

Mr. Yates also relayed to the Commission that the property owner, across which the access easement runs, understands that the placement of the access upon his property may encumber his property from future improvements such as the construction or enlargement of accessory structures.

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

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

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

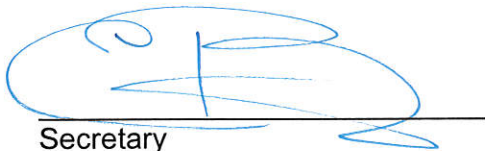
Commissioners and Staff Discussion

No items were discussed

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 by Mrs. Johnston. Meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm

Submitted by:



Secretary

8/10/15

Date

Approved by:

Weldon H. Clark
Chairman

Aug 10, 2015
Date