

TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2016
6:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission of the Town of Rocky Mount, Virginia met in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Mount Municipal Building, located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. on August 2, 2016, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

- Janet Stockton, Chair
- John Speidel, Vice Chairman
- Member Ina Clements
- Member Derwin Hall
- Member Jerry Greer
- Member Bud Blanchard

Commission Members Not Present:

- Member John Tiggle

Staff Members Present:

- Town Planner Josh Gibson
- Planning Commission Clerk Jessica H. Heckman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clenments

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Let the record show that prior to the meeting, Planning Commission received the following draft minutes for review and consideration of approval: **July 5, 2016 - regular meeting minutes.**

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Derwin Hall

Second: Member Jerry Greer

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

NEW BUSINESS

Pigg River Power Dam Removal Update

Josh Gibson updated the Commission on the Pigg River Power Dam removal. He advised that the Town is essentially a consultant and the County of Franklin will be more involved. He advised the removal will begin the second half of August. He provided a brief history of the dam and current conditions. Mr. Gibson said the main goal of the Fish and Wildlife Reserve was to remove the last impediment of fish passage within a 72 mile reach of the Pigg River from the headwaters downstream to the Leesville reservoir. Other benefits will be improved flood water management, public infrastructure protection for Rocky Mount Waste Water Plant, and will remove a boating safety hazard and help to fully implement the blue way. He noted that Rocky Mount plans to document the process by taking photos throughout the process. An open discussion ensued relative to the dam removal.

Staff Updates:

Josh Gibson updated the board on the Morris Furniture building. He advised staff that the owner has requested to purchase the Angle Street remnant behind the building to use as a service area for the building. Mr. Gibson stated he supports the purchase to allow a small entrance, service area or parking etc. It was presented to the Streets and Sidewalks Committee, however they advised they understood the support for it but would like some good faith that he was moving forward in his development and not intending to sell. Mr. Gibson advised the owner has a new site plan and will be giving the committee a tour of the facility. He advised the Commission that it may come before them in the next few months.

Commission Concerns

None at this time.

With no further business, Madame Chair Janet Stockton entertained a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Vice Chair John Speidel

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:30 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jessica H. Heckman, Clerk

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