

**TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2019
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 March 5, 2019, for its regular monthly meeting with Madame Chair Janet Stockton presiding.

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

- Assistant Town Manager Matthew Hankins
- Town Planner Jessica Heckman
- Planning Commission Clerk Cherie Compton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve agenda as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member John Tiggle

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:

February 5, 2019- Regular Meeting Minutes

Additions or Corrections: None

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Motion By: Member Ina Clements

Second: Member Bud Blanchard

Action: Approved by unanimous vote of members present

New Business

Tent/Storage

Town Planner Jessica Heckman presented Planning Commission with information in regards to the tents/ fabric storage buildings how they are constructed and what we are seeing them used for. Matthew Hankins added that if someone came in for a permit to construct one a permit would not be allowed since it is not a permanent structure. An open discussion ensued and Planning Commission members agreed they are not a permitted use and should not be allowed.

Chickens

Matthew Hankins advised members of a complaint received on School Board Road involving chickens at a residence. He further noted that the property in question is allowed to raise chickens as a non-conforming use because they were raising chickens prior to the boundary annexation and the use has continued. He reminded the commission that as long as the use does not discontinue for a period of two years, the use may continue. Staff suggested that the commission revisit the idea of a chicken ordinance in Town limits. Planner Jessica Heckman presented the commission with chicken ordinance examples from neighboring localities. After discussing different possibilities, commission members decided to take no action at this time and continue with the current ordinance only allowing chickens in Residential Agricultural properties.

Outdoor Event Application

Member Derwin Hall presented staff and commission members with an example of an outdoor event application that he felt would benefit the town for events and festivals. Members discussed the forms, and Chair Janet Stockton requested staff find a few more examples to compare. Members suggested a work session later in the year to continue development of an outdoor event application.

Inoperable Vehicles

Matthew Hankins spoke about the documents that were presented in packet on Inoperable Vehicles that will be discussed at the next Town Council meeting for input from members of the Planning Commission. An open discussion ensued.

Old Business

Planning Commission was presented with a final Annual Report for 2018 they agreed with what was presented and to pass on to Town Council.

Commissioner Concerns

Planning Commission member Bud Blanchard asked about the damage to the Artisan Center on Franklin Street. Matthew Hankins gave an update that permit has been issued and dates and time for road closure for the repairs to begin.

Staff Updates:

Matthew Hankins updated the commission on O'Reilly Auto Parts, he also provided an update on the industrial expansion on Weaver Street, and site plans for the Franklin County Animal Shelter.

Matthew Hankins informed John Speidel, Ina Clements, Derwin Hall, and John Tiggle that they are up for reappointments and need to inform staff if they wish to continue serving as members

Jessica Heckman gave an update that Elite Ironworks has begun fabrication of the Love Works sign.

With no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn By: Vice Chairman John Speidel

Second: Member Ina Clements

Action: Approved by a unanimous vote of members present

Time of Adjournment: 6:56 p.m.

Janet Stockton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Cherie Q. Compton, Clerk