OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Date September 16, 2019
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. Oconee County Courthouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Yarbrough, Maria Caudill, Karen Hilyard, Chuck Hunt, Bruce MacPherson, Penny Mills, George Rodrigues, Steven Strickland, Brad Tucker, Steven Strickland Mike Floyd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Steen, T.L. Turman

STAFF PRESENT: Guy Herring – Director, Planning & Code Enforcement; Gabriel Quintas – Planning & Code Enforcement; Grace Tuschak, Planner; Kyle Stephens, Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Becker, Sarah Bell

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: meeting: August 19, 2019. Motion by George Rodrigues to adopt minutes as written; Second by Mike Floyd. The vote was unanimous to adopt the minutes.

Maria Caudill presented Bill Yarbrough with a plaque on behalf of the Planning Commission and Planning Department staff to thank him for 25 years of service on the Oconee County Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1. UDC Articles 14, 15, and Appendices A, B, and C of the Unified Development Code

Chairman opened the floor for public comment and called for those in favor or against the request to speak.

No one spoke in favor/against.

Chairman Yarbrough closed the Public Comment period.

The Planning Commission discussed its concerns/comments including but not limited to: What qualifies as a farm, increased number of lots off a private access drive, definition of lot depth, definition of short term rental.

The Planning Commission approved the following recommendations as introduced by planning commissioner Penny Mills:
1. Section 1402.04: clarify the meaning of “Water and Sewage Authority”
2. Section 1402.06: change “Planning and Code Enforcement” to “Planning”
3. Section 1502.01.a: change “Code Enforcement Director” to “Planning Director”
4. Page 15-39: indent the following definitions to nest underneath the definition of “street:” Arterial, Major Collector, Minor Collector, Local, Cul-De-Sac, and Alley.

There being no further questions or comments from the commission, a motion was in order.

Motion to approve changes to Article 14, 15, and Appendices A, B, and C by Karen Hilyard. Second by George Rodrigues. Voting in favor of the motion: Voting against the motion: None. The motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

Item #2. New Planning Commission members
Chairman Yarbrough welcomed two new members to the Planning Commission: Scott Green and Brian Fosen.

Item #3: Report from the nominating committee
Maria Caudill was nominated as chair and Brad Tucker was nominated as vice chair.

Chairman Yarbrough opened for nominations from the floor. No nominations and no discussion. New officers were elected.

Adjourn. With no further business, on motion by Brad Tucker and second by Maria Caudill, Planning Commission adjourned at 7:18 p.m.