

**Members Present**

Randy Smith

Richard Smith

Priscilla Russ

Gaynelle Thompson

Virginia Hart

Rod Cury

**Staff and Town Officials Present**

Tim Taylor

Adrienne Cordle

**Guest:**

Jerry Dunford – local citizen

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Smith. Richard Smith gave the invocation and Virginia Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The Agenda was presented. Richard Smith made the motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Virginia Hart. All members voted “aye” and the agenda was accepted.
- III. Minutes from the August 6, 2019 meeting were distributed. Richard Smith made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Gaynelle Thompson; all members voted “aye” and the minutes were approved.
- IV. New Business:

Jerry Dunford returned to the Commission with his request to add campgrounds to the R-2 zone (\*attached).

  - Richard Smith summarized for those members who were not at the last meeting what was discussed then. He highlighted that the commission is looking at cleaning up the mixed-use zoning in the area by rezoning it A-1 Agricultural. Currently there are multiple mixed uses there on Birmingham Road and the adjoining properties. It was discussed at the last meeting rezoning the entire area versus spot zoning just Mr. Dunford’s property.
  - Tim Taylor then shared details of information he had gathered (\*attached). The R-2 zoning is unfavorable for campground use. His opinion is that the commission is facing two choices: rezone just Mr. Dunford’s parcel where the campground will be located or rezone his entire 18 acres as A-1. Mr. Dunford said he prefers to rezone the entire 18 acres. Tim then reviewed the process for notifying the affected landowners and holding public hearings (\*attached).
  - Chairman Smith then recapped the discussion up to that point. Are we looking at rezoning the larger area or just Mr. Dunford at this point due to the time involved with letters to all affected landowners and public hearings? Mr. Dunford said it would be timelier for his project to just consider his plot right now and asked for that option.

- Richard Smith then made the motion to request a Joint Public Hearing with the Council on October 8, 2019 at 7 PM to address Mr. Dunford's property being rezoned from R-2 Residential to A-1 Agricultural. Then schedule a second Joint Public Hearing with the Council on January 14, 2020 to address other landowners in the Birmingham Road corridor being rezoned A-1 Agricultural, pending notification of such involved parties. Rod Cury seconded the motion and all members voted "aye"; motion carried.
- Tim said they would begin the process of identifying and notifying the affected landowners.

V. Old Business:

The meeting then turned to a review of the Clinch River Walking Trail Project. Rick Chitwood and Greg Widener from Thompson and Litton are scheduled to present their report to us at the October meeting on the three phases and the plan for completing these. In the meantime, Tim said we're working on keeping other involved entities engaged.

- VI. With no further business to discuss Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to adjourn and Rod Cury seconded the motion; all members voted "aye" and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned with the next scheduled meeting date of October 1, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Submitted by: Virginia Hart, Secretary