



CITY OF MORROW
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
1500 Morrow Road - Morrow, GA 30260
Minutes

May 17, 2016

6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jack Bell
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All
MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairman Jack Bell

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman	Jack Bell
Vice Chairman	Joyce Bean
Member	Tamara Patridge
Member	Aaron Mauldin
Secretary	Marti Tracy

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

MOTION AND VOTE: Tamara Patridge made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Joyce Bean. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of March 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION AND VOTE: Joyce Bean made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Tamara Patridge, the motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business:

MOTION AND VOTE: Joyce Bean made a motion to change the start time of future regular P&Z Board meetings to 6:30pm and schedule Work Sessions to begin at 6:00pm on an “as needed” basis only. The motion was seconded by Aaron Mauldin. The motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

Attorney Eugene Smith presented an overview of the recommended changes to the City’s sign ordinance. The changes target ordinances that regulate sign content and are intended to ensure our sign code does not conflict with First Amendment rights. Because signs are actually a “land use regulation”, the code will be moved from the Code of Ordinances and placed under the City’s Zoning Ordinance. Aaron Mauldin questioned how we can regulate the use of obscenity in signage. Joyce Bean requested the ordinance define an “abandoned sign” as a sign condition separate from a “dilapidated sign” so that such signs may be removed when a business is no longer licensed and operating within the city. It was agreed by Attorney Smith and City Manager Redic that the definition will be

added to the ordinance revision. Aaron Mauldin made the motion to recommend to Council that the sign code revision be approved with the added definition as requested. Joyce Bean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. GENERAL Discussion:

1. Recap of May 12th P&Z training event
2. Board Secretary Marti Tracy suggested that future agenda packets be delivered to Board members electronically, via email, rather than hard copy delivery to their homes. All members were in agreement to the new method.
3. Jack Bell will be retiring from the Board in late summer. Board is already one member short. Awaiting Mayor and Council appointment.
4. City Manager Sylvia Redic provided information regarding storage facilities and retail fireworks businesses that have shown an interest in Morrow.

7. General Comments

Citizen Dorothy Dean
Chairman Jack Bell
Vice Chairman Joyce Bean

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION AND VOTE: Aaron Mauldin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tamara Patridge, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Approved this 19th day of July 2016.

Attest:

Chairman

Secretary