

**TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS
STATE OF GEORGIA
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN HALL, 255 MAIN STREET, TALLULAH FALLS, GA
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019, 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission for September 11, 2019 was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Knighton.

PRESENT: Commissioner Van Knighton, Chairman
Commissioner Tresa Dyer, Secretary
Commissioner Mike Early
Commissioner Keith Knudsen

OTHERS PRESENT: Public at Large

A motion was made by Chairman Knighton to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dyer and unanimously approved.

The first order of business was to appoint a Vice Chair to preside in the absence of Chairman Knighton. Commissioner Mike Early was nominated and was elected by majority vote* to be Vice-Chairman.

The next order of business was to review the Camping Ordinance draft. The recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to clarify or exclude the definitions of “hammock” and “cooking facilities”. Our recommendation is to specify that the use of a “hammock” and “cooking facilities” should include the phrase “for personal/ private use”, this would allow a property owner to have a hammock in their yard and not limit its use to only four times per calendar year. The change in definition would also allow for a grill to be placed on the property by the owner for personal use. Another concern was the exclusion of camping on vacant land. After discussion, it is the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to investigate this exclusion further to possibly allow for camping on vacant land by the property owner for their personal use, with the stipulation that it be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner. The motion was made by Commissioner Early to accept these recommendations and present them to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dyer and was passed by majority vote*.

The last order of business was discussion of the Future Land Use Map. Concerns were brought up by a citizen about the area on Railroad Street that was zoned as Commercial in a predominantly Residential area. Recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission is to investigate the possibility that the Tallulah Railroad Business district be changed to Single Family Residential on the Future Land Use Map.

The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission will be Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Commissioner Dyer made the motion to accept this time change, which Commissioner Knudsen seconded and was then passed by majority vote.

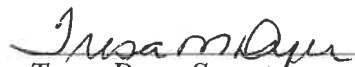
There being no further business before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Early to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Knighton and approved by majority vote*.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

*Votes were shown as being majority, as opposed to unanimous, due to the absence of Commissioner Rice.



Van Knighton, Chairman



Tresa Dyer, Secretary