

Burnsville Planning Board  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, February 24, 2015

The Burnsville Planning Board, with members Dean Gates, Woody Ryan, Randy Banks and Harrison Tyner present held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, in the Town Hall. Board member Jeff Merck was not present. Also in attendance were town staff members Anthony Hensley and Kim Johnson; Town Mayor Theresa Coletta; Town Council member Bill Wheeler; and several visitors including Wanda Proffitt, Rachel Lewis and Lucy Doll. Dean Gates, who presided, called the meeting to order stating the purpose of the meeting was to consider regular business.

- Approval of Minutes- Minutes from the regular meeting held on January 20, 2015 were available. Randy Banks made a motion to approve the minutes, Harrison Tyner seconded and all agreed.
- Public Comment- Lucy Doll asked if there was any ordinance that would prevent people from cutting certain trees on their property. Dean Gates advised her that the only guidelines we have are in the landscaping section of the Design Guidelines. She also asked that "Backyard" be removed from the "Backyard Chicken Ordinance" that is being written by the town's attorney.
- Staff Reports- There were no staff reports.
- Public Art Funding- Dean Gates updated board members on the Town Council meeting held on February 5, 2015 in reference to Public Art Funding. After much discussion among the board members concerning this matter Harrison Tyner made a motion to accept the "Step – by – Step Implementation Procedures for Inclusion of Public Art into review of Private Development Projects" (Flow Chart), excluding the certificate of occupancy step, and also to ask the Public Art Design Board to develop a program and presentation including books, pictures, etc. of how the review process would work with private development during the application process. Randy Banks seconded and all agreed.
- New Business-
  - ✓ Board members reviewed the Animal Control Ordinance and chicken regulations in the Town's Code of Ordinances and Zoning Ordinances. After discussion, board members felt there needed to be changes made to both documents. Harrison Tyner made a motion to recommend to Town Council to adopt the "Backyard Chicken Ordinance" as a stand-alone section in the Zoning Ordinance; and to amend the Animal Control Ordinance in the Town's Code of Ordinances accordingly as it relates to chicken regulation; and to amend Section 90.19 of the Town's Code of Ordinances to prohibit wild animals and livestock within the town limits; and to exclude chickens, ducks, and turkeys from the livestock definition in the Town's Code of Ordinances. Dean Gates seconded, Woody Ryan voted yes, Randy Banks voted no.

- ✓ Board members reviewed the Mobile Home Ordinance and discussed regulations for replacing existing mobile homes that were non-conforming. Harrison Tyner made a motion to recommend to Town Council to amend Section 1011.07 of the Zoning Ordinance to say mobile homes located on individual lots that have been abandon for more than 180 days shall be removed by the owner within 60 days of notification from the Town; and mobile homes located on individual lots that are removed from the lot may not be replaced with another mobile home. Dean Gates seconded the motion and all agreed.
  
- Main Street Conference- Dean Gates informed board members of the upcoming Main Street Conference to be held March 18-20 in Morganton. He advised that himself and Woody Ryan were planning on attending and urged other members to attend.
  
- Next Planning Meeting- The next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:15pm in the Town Hall. Being no further business Harrison Tyner made a motion to adjourn, Dean Gates seconded, meeting adjourned.

Recorded By:

  
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