



Planning Commission Meeting AGENDA

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Hall Courtroom

1. Meeting called to order: Jason Lewallen at 6:03 p.m.
2. Approval of January agenda
 - a. Motion made to approve by Jimmy Thompson, seconded by Portia Burns, all approved
3. Old Business
 - a. None
4. New Business
 - a. Term expirations
 - i. Bill Strickland's term expired December 2023. Jessie asked if he wanted to serve another term, but he did not answer and is not present at this meeting. Jessie will reach out one more time and then begin the replacement process.
 - ii. John Ballard's term expired December 2023. He agreed to serve another three year term until December 2026.
 - iii. Jimmy Thompson's term expired December 2023. He agreed to serve another three year term until December 2026
 - iv. Jason Lewallen and Portia Burns' terms will expire December 2024.
 - b. Election of new officers
 - i. John Ballard nominated Jason to continue to serve as chair and volunteered to serve as vice chair. After short discussion, John made the motion, it was seconded by Jimmy Thompson, all approved. Jason Lewallen abstained from voting.
 - c. Mandatory training (GAZA February 7-9, P&Z 200 April 11)
 - i. Jessie explained each of the three options. The planning commission must do mandatory training, but have a choice which one they attend.
 - ii. John Ballard is registered for the Winter GAZA Conference in Athens February 7-9
 - iii. Jason Lewallen will attend Community Planning Institute in Carrollton March 7-8. Jessie will register him and book his lodging
 - iv. Portia Burns and Jimmy Thompson will attend the Planning and Zoning 200 course in Cornelia April 11. Jason Lewallen said he may be able to attend but doesn't know yet. John said he would check his work schedule. John Ballard mentioned that it would be good to have the Planning Commission and City Commission in the same room to get on the same page.
 - v. Jimmy Thompson, Portia Burns, Jason Lewallen will attend the Mural Presentation on February 8 in Cornelia. John Ballard will be at the GAZA Conference.
 - d. New Comp Plan- Review
 - i. Jessie passed out the new 2024 Comprehensive Plan to each board member and asked them to replace their old one in their binder with this new one.
 - ii. Jessie went over the SWOT analysis, the neighborhood descriptions and future plans for each, and the Community Work Program highlighting the parts of the

plan that the Planning Commission will need to be involved in. Some of those included:

1. Rewrite of zoning ordinance- short discussion followed
2. Georgia Initiative for Community Housing program- John Ballard represents the Planning Commission on that team. Short discussion followed
3. Jessie said it may be good for some of the planning commissioners to attend the city commission annual retreat when it is planned. Jessie will keep the commission updated on those dates.
5. Next Regular Board Meeting: **February 15** at the Municipal Complex Courtroom at 6 p.m.
 - a. Jessie asked that everyone who is attending training before this meeting take note of some good information to report back to the commission at the February meeting.
6. Adjourn- John Ballard motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Portia Burns, all approved

Present: Portia Burns, Jason Lewallen, John Ballard, Jimmy Thompson, Jessie Owensby

Absent: Bill Strickland