

MEETING REPORT
LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
LOUISVILLE TOWN HALL
MAY 17, 2022
6:00 PM

Members Present

John Huffman – Chairman
Mayor Tom Bickers
Ron Kudich
Steven Kelley – Vice Chairman
Phillip Marshall – Secretary

Members Absent

Faye Beaudette
Kent Vaught

Others Present

Steve Carico
Betty Smith
Barry Ottinger
Bill Mattison

BCPO Staff Representative: Cameron Buckner

Call to Order: At 6:00 PM on May 17, 2022, Chairman John Huffman called the meeting to order. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the February 15, 2022 meeting were approved. (March and April 2022 meetings canceled due to lack of business items.) Kudich motion to approve, second by Bickers, Vote: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Report Mayor/BMA: Mayor Bickers reported that the 2021 Audit was received with no negative items. Mayor Bickers communicated that the Town financial position is the strongest ever with a balance of \$3.1 million. Some of the surplus will be spent on the playground and event complex. The annual Louisville Cleanup event scheduled for May 07 was cancelled due to stormy and rainy weather and will be rescheduled. Mayor Bickers communicated that the BMA and PC need to begin the process to evaluate and modify the multifamily regulations for the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. With the introduction of sewer along Louisville Road and Topside Road, the Town needs to decide what limitations need to be in place for multifamily apartment units. Mayor Bickers introduced Barry Ottinger, the new Codes Enforcement official.

Citizen Comments: No one spoke.

Business Items:

Request rezoning recommendation for combined parcel at 2965/2959 Samples Road: The owner has requested that the property be rezoned from R-1 (Residential and Agricultural) to C-1 (General Commercial).

Steve Carico, representing Betty Smith, and the owner discussed the rezoning request in detail. The combined parcels have been approved and registered with the Blount County Register of Deeds. Cameron Buckner provided clarification to the Planning Commission concerning the

adjacent former railroad property. This property may be quit claimed into the current Smith property at some future date, however, it is not part of the current request. Kelley made a motion to send a favorable recommendation to the BMA for the rezoning from R-1 to C-1 for 2965/2959 Samples Road. Bickers seconded. Vote: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.

Other Discussion Items: Planning Commission discussed setting up a workshop to begin reviewing the multifamily regulations. Mayor Bickers and Chairman Huffman will communicate and set up a date and meeting time

Adjourn: There being no further business to conduct; the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM after a motion by Kelley to adjourn, second by Kudich and unanimous vote to adjourn.

Phillip Marshall