



## GATE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

July 7, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Gate City Planning Commission was held Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at Gate City Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

### CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of Chairman Delany Herron, Vice-Chairman, Vickie Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

### ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Cassell, Jo Ann Castle, Margaret Falin and Vickie Roberts.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Delany Herron

ALSO PRESENT: Michele Brooks, Gate City Town Attorney and Greg Jones, Gate City Town Administrator.

GUESTS PRESENT: D. A. 'Donny' Necessary and Robert Ratliff, V-DOT

And Jimmy Adkins, Lenowisco PDC

### DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

With four (4) voting members present, the requirements for a quorum are met.

### PUBLIC EXPRESSION:

In the interest of conserving the time of our guests, we will hear their presentation before our meeting proceeds.

In explaining the four possible routes of access to the new Scott County Sports Complex, Mr. Necessary began by defining the potential costs (thirty million dollars per phase) and extended timeframe (minimum of five to six years per phase) for the construction of what has been known as the Rt. 72 bypass, to be implemented in two phases. He then followed by projecting the cost and time for construction of a pedestrian bridge from the Scott County Career and Technical Center, a low water bridge at the ford on Old Nickelsville Road (federal environmental regulations prohibit the new construction of low water bridges) or a vehicle bridge across Moccasin Creek from East Jackson Street, neither of which has been deemed to be a viable option because the Virginia Department of Highways is 'not in the business of providing access to sports complexes'.

The last and most cost and time efficient option, presented to the Scott County Board of Supervisors and the Scott County School Board in a joint meeting early in the year 2014, is for Scott County to extend a road from the Scott County Career and Technical Center to the existing low water bridge on Filter Plant Road. This road would not be a V-DOT road but would belong to the County as a private road, to be gated at both ends and sealed off from public use except during sporting events. Estimated costs for this option is from \$105,000 to \$125,000.

### REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the last regular meeting held June 2, 2015 were presented.

Motion made by Roger Cassell and seconded by Jo Ann Castle to adopt the minutes from June 2, 2015.

VOTING AYE: Roger Cassell, Jo Ann Castle, Margaret Falin and Vickie Roberts.

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Delany Herron

ABSTAINING: None

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS:**

(A) SECRETARY: Nothing to report.

**B) COMMITTEES:**

1) Comprehensive Plan: Nothing to report.

2) Land Use: Committee member Jo Ann Castle was approached by Ms. Karen Burke concerning the closure of a possible un-opened portion of McConnell Street on the east side of Fir Street, lying between properties owned by Ms. Burke and the Assembly of God Church. Ms. Burke's property on Fir Street joins property owned by the Assembly of God Church. Her intention is to deed approximately thirty feet of her property to the church which has need of parking space. She was informed by Church representatives that this area is an un-opened public street. After examining available maps and the deeds for both Ms. Burke's property and that of the Assembly of God Church, it was recommended that she locate and mark her property lines and request a copy of the Church's documentation of this potential roadbed between the two properties. If proof of this roadbed exists, the property would belong to the town of Gate City and therefore not be Ms. Burke's to grant to the Church.

3) Subdivision: Nothing to report.

4) Zoning: Nothing to report.

5) Capital Improvements: Mr. Jones reported that the 2015-2016 budget has been completed and approved.

**A) ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

(1) Greg Jones informed the Commission that estimates have been obtained for fencing to surround the Gate City Wayside Park on US 23-N.

(2) Mr. Jones discussed a proposal to implement tourism-based incentives for commercial growth in designated areas.

**(B) TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER:**

(A) Nothing to report.

**C.) GATE CITY TOWN ATTORNEY:**

(A.) Mrs. Brooks informed the Commission that progress has begun on court-ordered demolition of uninhabitable properties within the City limits.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(1) After brief discussion concerning lack of information relative to access to properties surrounding the property of Ms. Cynthia Ericsson, no action was taken on her request to close the portion of Old Rye Cove Road (aka Old Fincastle Road; ref. DB 65 p.109, Pendleton to Elliott, 1919) adjoining her property at the western end of Chestnut Street along Burnt Cabin Branch.

**ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Jo Ann Castle and seconded by Roger Cassell.

VOTING AYE: Roger Cassell, Jo Ann Castle, Margaret Falin and Vickie Roberts.

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Delany Herron

ABSTAINING: None

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Jo Ann R. Castle

Secretary, Jo Ann Castle

Vickie Roberts

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Delany Herron, Chairman

Approved: 8-4-2015