



June 6, 2023

## **GATE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

The regular monthly meeting of the Gate City Planning Commission was held Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at Gate City Town Hall.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chairman Vickie Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm and asked the secretary to call the roll.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Delaney Herron, Tyler Kilgore.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. Cody Ferguson.

### **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:**

With three (3) voting members present, the requirements for a quorum are met.

### **PUBLIC EXPRESSION:**

Commission members reviewed an application for a Special Exception and Use Permit from Mr. Cody Ferguson to install fencing surrounding his property at 163 Eva Street, Gate City. Because Mr. Ferguson's property is located on a corner lot, his original application for a Landscape Permit was denied pursuant to Sec. 30-27. of the Zoning Ordinance.

He subsequently submitted an application for a Special Exception and Use Permit. Because line-of-sight on a corner lot is directly influenced by any obstruction on any immediately adjoining properties, Mr. Ferguson submitted pictures of six foot welded wire see-through fencing to be set six feet from the pavement edge on Eva Street.

He also submitted a signed petition from his surrounding neighbors stating that none had any objection to the installation of this type and size fencing.

Because this type of fencing will not obstruct the visibility for vehicle operators at this intersection, Motion made by Jo Ann Castle and seconded by Margaret Falin recommending that Gate City Town Council approve this permit application.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Delaney Herron, Tyler Kilgore.

ABSTAINING: None

MOTION CARRIED

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the last regular meeting held May 2, 2023 were presented.

Motion made by Margaret Falin and seconded by Vickie Roberts to adopt the minutes from May 2, 2023.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Delaney Herron, Tyler Kilgore.

ABSTAINING: None

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS:

**(A) SECRETARY.** Submitted proposed changes to the C-1 zoning ordinance for review.

**(B) COMMITTEES:**

- 1) Comprehensive Plan: Nothing to report.
- 2) Land Use: Nothing to report
- 3) Subdivision: Nothing to report.
- 4) Zoning: Nothing to report.
- 5) Capital Improvements: Nothing to report.

A) ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) Mr. Jones will defer his comments to un-finished and finished business.

B) TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER:

Absent

C. GATE CITY TOWN ATTORNEY:

- (1) Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Guidelines for use of The Bark Park and potential bench and exercise items is tabled until the meeting scheduled for August 1, 2023.
- 2) Greg Jones reported that the distribution of the new trash cans may begin as early as the week of June 12, 2023.

- 3) Commission members reviewed the beginning efforts to up-date the Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 30-182. Suggestions offered will be incorporated and presented at the next meeting for further examination.
- 4) Greg Jones informed the Commission that his research on different meanings and interpretations of Section 30-27-a, Landscape Permits is similar to that used in other areas. No action will be taken to make any changes to this Section at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) Mr. Jones stated that he has received preliminary information that there is interest in the installation of public electric charging stations, possibly located at the Gate City Public Parking Lot. He reports that grant funding might be available for this project.

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

- 1) Because the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Gate City Planning Commission falls on July 4, 2023 and there is no known pressing business expected during the coming month, motion made by Vickie Roberts and seconded by Jo Ann Castle, that the July 4, 2023 meeting be canceled and the next meeting will be held on August 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

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

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT: Delaney Herron, Tyler Kilgore.

ABSTAINING: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Vickie Roberts and seconded by Margaret Falin.

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


VOTING NAY: None


ABSENT: Delaney Herron, Tyler Kilgore.

ABSTAINING: None

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

  
Jo Ann Castle, Secretary

  
Vickie Roberts, Vice Chairman  
Approved 8-1, 2023