



MINUTES
CITY OF COWETA PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018.
COWETA CITY HALL 310 S. BROADWAY, COWETA, OK 74429

I. Call To Order

Vice-Commissioner Melanie Lander called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Carter Mathews	Absent
Kathleen Robinson	Present
Jessica Morris	Present
Joanna Jones	Present
Melanie Lander	Present

Vice-Commissioner Melanie Lander requested that the roll be called and a quorum was declared to be present.

III. Discussion and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2018.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jessica Morris and a second by Commissioner Kathleen Robinson to approve the Minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of October 22, 2018 meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Carter Mathews	Absent
Kathleen Robinson	Yes – to approve
Jessica Morris	Yes – to approve
Joanna Jones	Yes – to approve
Melanie Lander	Yes – to approve

IV. Public Hearing Items

NONE

V. Old Business

NONE

VI. New Business

1. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to serve the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jessica Morris to maintain the same officers for the Planning Commission as those that were elected to the Board of Adjustment.

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with the following votes cast:

Carter Mathews	Absent
Kathleen Robinson	Yes – to approve
Jessica Morris	Yes – to approve
Joanna Jones	Yes – to approve
Melanie Lander	Yes – to approve

2. Discussion of the 1994-2020 Coweta Comprehensive Plan.

City Manager Roger Kolman addressed the Commissioners on the Coweta Comprehensive Plan. He discussed the need for a joint comprehensive plan between Wagoner County and the City of Coweta and the role that the Planning Commission will play in the revision process of the plan. He noted that the revision process would begin at the beginning of 2019 and that it would be something that the Commission would deal with on a monthly basis. He discussed the need to get the public involved because he wants to make sure that the comprehensive plan is addressing all of the areas of concern, like infrastructure and recreation, not just housing. He used the planned Roland Park improvements as an example. He wants citizens to be able to live, work and play in Coweta.

Commissioner Jessica Morris asked if the Planning Commission would be given guidance on the revision process of the Comprehensive Plan. Roger answered saying that the public and staff would give their recommendations and that educational components would be provided to the commissioners when they need them. He asked that they please let Tom know when they need education on anything and they would be provided the information.

Commissioner Kathleen Robinson asked if the Planning Commission meetings could be recorded. Roger answered saying that the meetings can be recorded but it is not recommended. He said that the meeting minutes provide a sufficient permanent record.

Commissioner Joanna Jones commented that it is important for the public to be involved in the meetings on the comprehensive plan. Roger agreed saying that, although the City may not be able to grant all of the public's wishes, if we know what they want, we can try to come as close as possible.

A discussion then took place between Commissioners and Mr. Kolman regarding the possibility of adding a zoning district specifically for medical marijuana establishments. Roger talked about the growing and processing of medical marijuana and how difficult it is. There are harsh chemicals that are used and liquid byproducts that needs to be disposed of properly. He discussed how there can be a buffer between residential and light industrial zoning but the city's zoning cannot be discriminatory. The city can tell these businesses where they can be in the city but they cannot tell them that they cannot be in the city. The city must find a way to accommodate the businesses.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Jessica Morris, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen Morrison, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved 4-0, by the following vote:

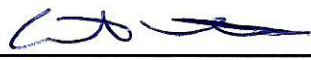
Carter Mathews	Absent
Kathleen Robinson	Yes – to approve
Jessica Morris	Yes – to approve
Joanna Jones	Yes – to approve
Melanie Lander	Yes – to approve

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

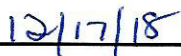
Approved:



Chairman



Secretary



Date