

**MONROE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – January 21, 2025**

Present: Shauna Mathias (via phone), Kim Jolly, Randy Camp, Rosalind Parks (via phone), Chairman Mike Eckles

Absent: None

Staff: Brad Callender – City Planner
Laura Wilson – City Clerk

Visitors: Ned Butler

Call to Order:

Chairman Eckles called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 5:57 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Eckles called for a motion to approve the agenda;

Motion Camp,
Second Mathias.
Motion carried unanimously

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):

Chairman Eckles asked if everyone has reviewed the November 19, 2024 minutes and asked if there are any changes, corrections or additions. Commission members responded there were none. Chairman Eckles called for a motion to approve the November 19, 2024 minutes;

Motion Camp,
Second Parks.
Motion carried unanimously

Report from Code Officer:

Brad Callender stated the Planning Commission members were all given a copy of Zoning Ordinance that City Council had approved and adopted in December. There would likely be no ordinance amendments for some time.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The First Item of Business: Petition for Deannexation for a 141-acre property located on the north side of Hwy 78, along the west side of the Alcovy River. The Walton County Board of Commissioners consented to the deannexation on November 5, 2024. Staff recommends to grant the deannexation approval as requested without conditions. Mr. Callender shared there is no economic benefit to the city in retaining this property. There have never been utilities extended past the Alcovy River on Hwy 78 and there are currently no plans to develop the property. The property was placed into a permanent federal conservation program.

Chairman Eckles asked if anyone was present to speak or represent in favor of the application.

Ned Butler with MFT Investments, shared they have the property under contract with an individual who is going to build one house on it. Individual plans to use it as a personal residence and hunting property.

Chairman Eckles asked if the intent was to only build a home and nothing else. Mr. Butler stated the easement would only allow a home and ancillary buildings like a barn.

Chairman Eckles asked if anyone was present to speak against the application. There were none. Chairman Eckles asked if Commission members had any questions or discussion. Commission members responded there were none.

Chairman Eckles called for a motion to approve the agenda;

Motion Mathias,
Second Parks.
Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment:

Chairman Eckles entertained a motion to adjourn;

Motion Mathias,
Second Parks,
Meeting adjourned, 6:02 pm.