

# CITY OF BULL SHOALS

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHAIR: BONNIE SUMNER

### MINUTES OF MEETING

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE HEREBY SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF BULL SHOALS.

DATE: 7/27/22

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bonnie Sumner, Tim Koenig, Dave Higgins, Carol Duss, and Chuck Kinler.

With no member absent a Quorum was called by the Chair.

**OPENING:** Call to Order at 5:00 PM by the Chair. She began by extending an apology to those who had received inaccurate scheduling date of the monthly P & Z board meeting. She emphasized that the committee always meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month. Steps have been taken to ensure that this does not happen again and that the public is aware of the recurring time, place, and date of the committee meeting. She further stated that there were two specific items that she wanted to open for discussion and solicited public input on these issues or others during the public comment session. Those are outlined below.

1. RV Temporary permits. Chair stated that there should be consideration to allowing the use of an RV on private property through a temporary permit during construction of a primary residence. There are provisions for this while a new home is being built but she cautioned the board that we should recommend some criteria on how this can be done before the permit would be issued. She advised that ordinances to provide for this are in place in adjacent similar towns and that we can use the basis of these to develop our own ordinance. She underscored that use of an RV on property where there currently exists a permanent residence is not authorized under current law.

2. Parking/Storage of RVs. There is currently an ordinance in place that prohibits this but in fact there are many homes that have an RV parked or stored on their property. The chair suggested the need to update the code regarding this to reflect the need of the public. The need for visiting family or friends that are traveling with an RV should be accommodated for short stays. Consideration must be given to parking an RV so as not to disturb or block the view of existing neighbors of the immediate area and that will be covered in any revised ordinance. She further emphasized and it was endorsed by the participating members to adequately develop the ordinance with specific detail as to

what can and can't be done. Multiple RVs would not be acceptable under the revised ordinance as it is currently not authorized.

**DISCUSSION:** The Chair led an interactive discussion among the committee members soliciting remarks and considerations for the above-mentioned issues. Chair Sumner concluded that further action is now required to formulate, and draft required new or revised ordinances and that public input would be appreciated and required. Concluding the board discussion, she called for public input.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** There were several public citizens that made comments about the following subjects.

- a. Planning and Zoning meeting notice. The chair emphasized that this was a mistake and that the standard day/time for the meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 5:00 PM
- b. Maintenance and Care of Private lots. Some areas need to be better taken care of through garbage and waste disposal, junk, etc.
- c. Concerns about use of barbed wire adjacent to private property.
- d. Storage and Parking of RV on property to include the definition of what constitutes and RV. There was concern that owner's side by sides or ATVs would be included.
- e. Storage Shed Issue. A storage shed has been placed in the driveway and has not been placed in accordance with the city ordinances concerning storage shelters and location thereof on private property. Code violation should be considered as there has been no correction to this problem.
- f. Chair Sumner re-emphasized that participation at this time with the public was important and that input to help us revise needed improvements in ordinances to reflect the community interests is critical.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting closed by unanimous vote of members present at 528 PM.

**SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.**



Bonnie Sumner

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