

**CITY OF LAFOLLETTE
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday-April 12, 2021**

MEMBERS:

Chairman: Joe Bolinger

Vice-Chairman: Eddie Wheeler, Jr.

Commission Members:

Secretary: Eddie Wheeler, Jr.

Michael Stanfield

Mark Hoskins

Dewayne Gibson (Absent)

Codes Officer: Jeff Duncan

OTHERS PRESENT:

LaFollette City Administrator: Stan Foust

Travis Wormsley

Councilman Wayne Kitts

Eva Herinkova (LaF P)

Bob Fannon

CITY OF LAFOLLETTE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

- 1.) Call meeting to order: Chairman, Joe Bolinger, called the Planning Commission to order. Quorum is set.
- 2.) Comments from citizens: Note there were no comments from citizens, although, Chairman Bolinger stated he had a short comment to make. About two to three months ago Mr. Stan Foust had some books made for City Codes. Mr. Bolinger made the suggestion that the books needed to be studied and adhered to them as close as they could to get the city straightened up. There had been a lot of stuff that had went on in the past that shouldn't have and they needed to consider very carefully about different variances and things such as that. Variances are suppose to be a hardship case.
- 3.) Appoint a new clerk: Interim Administrator Stan Foust announced that the previous clerk Mandi Rodriquez had submitted her resignation effective April 16, 2021. He advised the Planning Commission that they needed to appoint a clerk. They had looked at several other people, and Donna Weaver was the one with the most sonority with the city. Mr. Foust stated that she would be his recommendation to the position.

Mr. Michael Stanfield made the motion for Donna Weaver to have the position. Mr. Bolinger

CITY OF LAFOLLETTE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

1.) Call meeting to order: Mr. Bolinger requested roll call:

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1.) Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Joe Bolinger requested roll call for the Board of Zoning and Appeals.

2.) 305 Special Exception Request:

Located at 2558 Jacksboro Pike, LaFollette. Opening a business, Southern Sweets and Eats.

Mr. Stanfield informed the Planning Commission that this was going to be a temporary thing. Where the vendor truck was sitting at was going to eventually be a restaurant. Mr. Hoskins asked what time frame that would be in. It was stated it would be a year to two years. Mr. Bolinger asked Stan Foust and Mr. Duncan if they had anything to say about it. Mr. Foust stated that the only thing he had to say is that he understood it was a temporary thing, that it was actually approved last year by the Codes Enforcement Officer and then they came back with a permanent location, that was forwarded to the planning commission. Any change in business license or anything like that has to come before the Planning Commission, so it was forwarded onto the Planning Commission for their approval for that to be on Jacksboro Pike. Mr. Stanfield made the motion for it to be approved. Mr. Hoskins asked what the zoning said on it. Mr. Foust stated that zoning says as far as temporary structures that they were not permitted, but the Codes Enforcement Officer had approved it initially, and he didn't know how they wanted to do it, being approved previously to put a permanent business on a permanent lot. They were going from business to business prior to this and now they are requesting to be at a permanent location, and that would be left up to this Planning Commission to make that decision. Mr. Foust state that he wasn't actually involved in the initial that was approved by Codes Enforcement, but he could tell them that it was approved and licensed through the local health department. Mr. Duncan stated that he had no objection to the request.

did he think. Mr. Wheeler asked when was the restaurant would be built. Mr. Stanfield made the comment it would probably be a year or two. Mr. Wheeler stated that he was under the impression that there was not going to be any temporary food trucks. Mr. Foust stated that his recommendation to the them was they were going to have to start at a point. This had been priorly approved. How could you take something away from someone that had been priorly approved on the front end? Mr. Foust recommended starting from this day forward this is our zoning laws, this is our codes enforcement laws, this is our municipal code. Mr. Foust's suggestion to them is to follow it and they would not be in that predicament again. Mr. Hoskins commented that his only problem with a food truck is that they had other people selling food in the community that has a solid structure and that pays property taxes. Chairman Bolinger asked Mr. Foust if they were still working on an ordinance for the food trucks and a temporary permit if they come in and set up for a temporary time. Mr. Foust stated that it was in the works, with the city attorney Reid Troutman. Mr. Hoskins state his only problem was that if business went down, they could pick up and move where other businesses couldn't. Mr. Wormsley made the statement they were already on the sewer line, that they couldn't just up and leave because they would have to unhook from the sewer, have the electric turned off so technically they are there. Mr. Foust stated his suggestion is that it is no different than Mug's Ice Cream Shop, Po-Ho's, was allowed. Mr. Foust commented they couldn't help what had happened already, but starting today they follow their own ordinances. It was discussed about giving them a time limit to have the permanent structure finished but nothing was agreed upon. It was discussed about having a permanent place for food vendors to be set up.

Mr. Wheeler asked if they had been through the planning commission before why were they there at this meeting? Mr. Foust stated that they came to give them an actual address for their permanent location. Mr. Hoskins stated that he felt it would be unfair for them to deny Southern Sweets & Eats since Mr. Foster or whoever it was before had allowed them to spend that much time and that much money. Mr. Wheeler agreed.

Mr. Stanfield made the motion to approve it. Mr. Hoskins stated he would make the second motion to approve upon the condition from this day forward they do not allow this anymore, and that they go by the book.

Mr. Foust stated his recommendation was if any of those businesses such as Mug's or Po-Ho's cease to exist never allow it again. It needed to be put in the form of a motion that from this day forward everything will be followed by the book.

Mr. Hoskins stated that he was going to second the motion as long as it contained the time and date that they would cease to consider the options any further

Motion passed