

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE OXFORD PLANNING & ZONING BOARD**

The Oxford City Planning and Zoning Board met in a regular meeting at Oxford City Hall in the Building  
Services Conference Room Tuesday,  
April 01, 2014

**Members Present:**

Mayor Leon Smith  
Chairman, Bill Newman  
Vice Chairman, Charles Strickland  
Council Member, Charlotte Hubbard  
Fred Denney  
Marshall Shaddix  
Lance Turner

**Members Absent:**

Clyde Huckeba  
Melissa Craven

**Also Present:**

Oxford City Engineer Rusty Gann  
Chief Building Official, Mike Roberts  
Secretary, Toni Ridley

**Visitors:**

\*See attached sign in sheets

Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill Newman. Following a review of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 04, 2014, Charles Strickland made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Mayor Smith seconded the motion. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 07; Nays: 0 Abstain: 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

1. **Babbs Engineering –Public Hearing Seeking plat approval for Edgewood Subdivision to be located at the end of Edgewood Dr. Parcel # 2109323001030000.** It was noted by the Chairman that Mr. Babbs was not in attendance. Fred Denney stated that the Mayor had asked the City Engineer Rusty Gann to look over the plans and come back with a recommendation. The Mayor, Fred Denney, Rusty Gann and Mike Roberts all went out to the property. Bill Newman asked Rusty Gann for his opinion. Rusty Gann stated there is a pretty significant live stream that runs down through here the proposal is to capture the upstream water divert it through 40 inch pipes into a detention pond. Bill Newman asked if the property is in a flood plain, and if so how would anyone be able to get a mortgage on a house built there. Rusty Gann stated Mr. Babbs plan is to build up the pads of each residence out of the flood zone

which wouldn't require them to have flood insurance. It's just pushing water further downhill which his retention pond is proposed to empty into a designated flood way. Bill Newman asked if there was any other discussion on this. Citizen, Rick Walls stated his concern is that it would put more water on his property that he has already had his property flooded five times this year and unless you have lived out there you wouldn't understand how bad the problem is. Charlotte Hubbard made a motion to deny the plat for Edgewood Subdivision. Mayor Smith seconded the motion. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 07; Nays: 0.

2. **Baker Donaldson – Public Hearing seeking approval for a cell tower to be located at Kenneth Seals property 2053 Hwy 78 Oxford, Alabama.** Andy Rouden Stripe Attorney for Baker Donaldson presented the proposal to build a tower behind Seals Fabrication building. It will be back behind the building in the field. 120 ft. monopole. The area to be covered will be down 78, Oxford Elementary, Fab arc steel, and other businesses and residences out that way. There is no tower they can place their antennas on in this area and that is why they have to propose building a tower. He cited all our ordinance requirements read them off one by one and stated they were covering all requirements and how they were covering them. He presented a picture showing all coverage existing and explained what the colors meant. He explained how this tied into why they need to place the tower at this location. Jenny Young and Linda Ramsden dispute the coverage information that was presented because they have lived in the area and have plenty of coverage. Jenny Young wanted to know about the radio frequency and health issues it could create. Andy Rouden Stripe stated the federal government preempts all of us when it comes to perceived health issues. These are using a simple radio signal using 5-10 watts of power. The FCC regulates us and their minimum is 500 watts. Bill Newman asked for a spokesman to sum up how the group feels about this subject. Linda Ramsden said health issues, depreciation with their property and the group feels there are better locations where they wouldn't be in a neighborhood. Bill Newman asked for discussion from the board members. There was none. Fred Denney made a motion to approve, Marshall Shaddix seconded the motion. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 04; Nays: 02; Abstained: 01. Charlotte Hubbard abstained.

There being no further business or comments to come before the meeting Chairman Bill Newman made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Toni Ridley, Secretary