**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**July 5, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Pelzer Gym Lobby – 112 Lebby Street**

***Commission Present*** – Laura Rainey, Brian Vaughn, Aaron Gresham, Cheryl Bates, Alecia Hunter (AC)

Absent – Slavka Marusic

1. **Call to Order:** Chairwoman, Laura Rainey
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda *– Aaron Gresham made the motion to approve, Brian Vaughn 2nd the motion, all in favor.***
4. **Approval of Minutes *– June 7h meeting – Nicole Higgins made the motion to approve, Aaron Gresham 2nd the motion, all in favor.***
5. **PUBLIC HEARING (citizens may sign up to speak for public comment – 3 minutes)**
   1. **Ordinance 23-009 – Adopting and Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Town of Pelzer for placement of campers, Rv’s and motorhomes.**
   2. **Citizens Comments –**

**\* Donna Ide – Asked if she has visitors can they stay in their camper while visiting?**

**\* Craig Boatman – Sees many changes that need to be made starting with hooking it up to utilities because you need to do such to maintain them, define recreation vehicle.**

**\* Eddie Waits – What is the criteria that will be used to determine if someone is living in the campers. FEMA – Don’t they set up campers for temporary living quarters when there is a disaster, what is enough evidence to take legal action, would like more details with precise details.**

**\* Alecia Hunters stated that the county will not permit anyone to live in a camper for more than a day, this is only a draft and the Commission can amend the ordinance to allow a certain amount of time for friends and family visiting to be able to stay within their recreational vehicle, the misdemeanor is the last resort to get residents in compliance with the ordinance, Magistrate Court/Judge sets the fine.**

* 1. **Vote to approve or deny application – Nicole Higgins made the motion to table this matter to organize a workshop with the town council so they can amend this to address the concerns raised by residents tonight, Brian Vaughn 2nd the motion, all in favor.**

***6*.) PUBLIC HEARING – (3 minutes per person) – Citizens Comments Adopting and establishing regulations for the Town of Pelzer for on-street parking regulations in residential and commercial zoning districts within town limits.**

a. Ordinance 23-010 – Adopting and establishing regulations for the Town of Pelzer for on-street parking regulations in residential and commercial zoning districts within town limits.

b. Citizens Comments –

\* Donna Ide – Most of our streets within the town are all narrow, she doesn’t see how this will be able to be enforced, will this be throughout the entire town or just certain streets?

\* Mike Matthews – Noticing that people are parking on our sidewalks, and in his area, they are parking in the middle of the road.

\* Eddie Waits – There are a lot of people who could park in their property if they had a driveway apron, feels every person should have one and that Anderson County should aid with the town to be able to provide one for them, it’s a hardship on the residents. They should have a specific time limit to move their vehicles off of the roads, especially if they have a driveway apron.

\* Celina Weems – Who will enforce this ordinance, how will it be enforced?

\* Laura Rainey said that we will get more clarifications between the Planning Commission and the Town Council and hold a workshop to make changes to fit the town for this Ordinance.

\* Kenny Andrews – Questioned the meeting with the comments as they are supposed to be only 3 minutes long and this is not what is happening, Laura Rainey addressed him stating that she is being more lenient with these issues as it is very important for our town to hear the opinions of everyone.

c. Vote to approve or deny recommending Ordinance 23-010 – On-street Parking Regulations

Nicole Higgins made the motion to table this item for further consideration, Aaron Gresham 2nd the motion all was in favor. This item was tabled until they can hold a workshop with the town council.

**7.) OLD BUSINESS**

**8.) NEW BUSINESS**

***9.)* CHAIRWOMAN’S REPORT –**

a. Handouts are available for some of the explanations for the new changes that have been put in places as to who handles what with certain issues be sure to get a copy if you haven’t already picked one up.

b. Urgent Care has purchased the building on Lebby Street that Dr. Koontz owned and has already gotten their business license, hope to be open by the end of the year.

c. Celina Weems has received the SCHP 2023 Honor Award for the Wedding Chapel on Lebby Street, there were only 9 given out and this is a wonderful thing for her and for our Town. Congratulations to her and Thomas Watson for this award.

10.) **Adjournment**– Nicole Higgins made the motion to adjourn, Aaron Gresham 2nd the motion, all in favor.