CITY OF KNOX PLANNING COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes: August 3, 2021

<u>Members Present:</u> Don Kring, Todd Flagg, Jeff Berg, Dan Allen, John Wilson, Mark Simpkins

<u>Members Not Present:</u> Ron Parker, Jeff Houston, Brent VanNorman

<u>Staff Present:</u> Kenny Pfost, Todd Wallsmith

<u>Staff Not Present:</u>

The August 3, 2021, Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Don Kring. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call was performed. Member Berg made a motion to accept the July 6, 2021, minutes, and member Simpkins seconded the motion. Carried 6-0.

Solar Energy Ordinance: There was more discussion on a solar energy ordinance. Member Simpkins had researched the topic and referenced ordinances from two other communities. The issue of inspections and permits was raised. Secretary Pfost commented that an engineer's report and approval should be sufficient to issue a permit. Permit fees was mentioned, and those fees are addressed in Section 3 of the ordinance. Member Berg made a motion to approve the ordinance with the changes that were discussed at previous meetings. Member Simpkins seconded the motion. Carried 6-0. Member Berg made a motion to hold a public hearing at the September 2021 Planning Commission meeting to either approve or deny recommending the ordinance to the Knox City Council. Member Simpkins seconded the motion. Carried 6-0.

Citizen Comments: N/A

Any other business: Vice President Wilson informed the Commission that the question of whether or not pole barn houses are allowed. Currently there is nothing that addresses pole barn style house in the City of Knox zoning ordinance. Vice President Wilson said that if a pole barn style house is built, it should look like a typical residence, not a pole barn. President Kring said that the topic would be on the agenda at a later date.

Adjournment: Member Simpkins made a motion to adjourn. Member Berg seconded the motion. Carried 6-0 at 6:46pm.

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Kenny Pfost
Director/Secretary