

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF UPSHUR, CITY OF BUCKHANNON, TO WIT:

A special meeting of the Buckhannon City Planning Commission was held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 70 East Main on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Susan Aloï	President (Chair)	Present
Richard Clemens	Vice-President (Vice-Chair)	Present - by GoToMeeting
Randy Sanders	City Recorder	Present
CJ Rylands	Member/Council Rep	Present
Vincent Smith	Member/Building Code Enforcement	Present
Curtis Wilkerson	Member	Absent
Dean Everett	Member	Absent
Mike Sharpolisky	Member	Present
Kelley Tierney	Member	Present
Thomas O'Neill	City Attorney	Present
Monica Zalaznik	My Buckhannon	Present
Morgan Hinzman	Record Delta	Present
Robbie Skinner	Mayor	Present
Jerry Arnold	Director of Public Works	Present
Bryson VanNostrand	City Architect	Present

Guests: Sharon McNemar; Joyce Ann Law; Elizabeth Shahan; Chris Garrett, R.S., Emiebe (James) Arhuidese for the Upshur-Buckhannon Health Department; Risë Straight Hanifan; Sara Aylestock; Anna Kimble; Vito Syski; Matt Kerner; Amanda Hayes; Laura Foulks; Bonnie Riffle; Alisa Lively (GTM); Scott Preston (GTM); Renee Preston (GTM);

To participate remotely in a City Commission or Board meeting, participants were invited to contact City Hall at 304-472-1651 for the GoToMeeting link/access.

***City of Buckhannon Planning Commission -
Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00pm at City Hall in Council Chambers***

The Buckhannon City Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 70 East Main Street, Buckhannon WV 26201. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possible uses for the Madison Street property (former Chase Bank drive-thru).

This is an open meeting (per WV code § 6-9A-3) and all interested parties are welcome to attend.

A. Call to Order

- A.1 Moment of Silence
- A.2 Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America

B. Recognized Guests

C. Strategic Issues for Discussion and/or Vote

- C.1 Possible uses for the Madison Street Property (former Chase Bank drive-thru)

D. Comments and Announcements

E. Adjournment

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A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by the President of the Planning Commission, Dr. Susan Aloï, who asked the members of the Buckhannon City Planning Commission to introduce themselves and then ask for all to join in a Moment of Silence. Commissioner Mike (Sharp) Sharpolisky led the group in the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

B. Recognized Guests - The Chair acknowledged those who were in attendance and assured all that wished to be heard on the possible uses for the Madison Street property (former Chase Bank drive-thru) that they would be recognized.

C. Strategic Issues for Discussion and/or Vote

C.1 Possible Uses for the Madison Street Property (former Chase Bank drive-thru) -

President Aloï recognized Commissioner CJ Rylands who provided an overview of where we were at this point. Mr. Rylands then recognized City Architect, Bryson VanNostrand who presented current suggested plans for development. Mr. VanNostrand explained the role of good city design to incorporate green space proportional to concrete/asphalt, and to be a good neighbor by preserving an appropriate border with the residential neighborhood.

Chris Garrett, R.S., and Emiebe (James) Arhuidese for the Upshur-Buckhannon Health Department spoke on the requirement of sanitary needs, facilities, etc., and they ask that we consider these needs when discussing future plans for this property. Discussion on various ways to provide additional sanitary facilities took place.

Risë Straight Hanifan was recognized and spoke in favor of the space being used for recreational purposes, for the youth of our community; examples would be a Splash Pad and/or a Skate Park. Others spoke on the positive aspect of providing an area open to the needs of the youth of our community. Some were in favor of using the lot as an extension of Jawbone Park keeping the focus centered on community events.

It was pointed out the zoning considerations of the property and that it is in the flood zone.

It was the consensus that we must maximize the use of the area, whatever is decided, and that it should be useful all the time; consider combining some of the elements suggested into one design; align the use of this space to goals of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. The goals most relevant seem to be: increase outdoor recreational opportunities; promote physical activities to improve health; and, collaborate to enhance the City and strengthen the community

D. Comments and Announcements - President Aloï noted that these ideas will be shared with City Council and that the next regular meeting of the Buckhannon City Planning Commission will be July 19, 2021

E. Adjournment

Without objection, President Aloï adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Commission President Susan Aloï _____

City Recorder Randall H. Sanders _____