

**MINUTES
ROCKY TOP MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 12, 2026**

Members Present

Jeff Gilliam, Chairman
Templin, Mayor
Michael Phillips

Members Absent

Robert Seiber, Secretary
Ben Brewer

Others Present

Mike Ellis, City Manager Kerry
Matthew Bell

ETDD Staff Representative: Harold Edwards

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.. at City Hall with Chairman Jeff Gilliam presiding. The minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting were approved upon a motion by Templin and a second by Phillips. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Gilliam to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Templin. All members voted aye.

REPORT FROM BUILDING OFFICIAL/CODES ENFORCEMENT

Codes enforcement officer Matthew Bell provided an update on the city's slum clearance ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Regulation of Data Centers.

Staff Planner Edwards presented a definition of data centers and some considerations for the regulations. After discussion, the planning commission suggested that data centers should be allowed as a special exception in the M-1 Zone. Staff will prepare zoning ordinance for consideration by the city council.

B. Review of utility extension plans on Colonial Drive.

The planning commission reviewed plans for the extension of water and sewer lines for a business development on Colonial Drive. A motion to approve the utility extension was made by Templin and seconded by Phillips. All members voted aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

Staff informed the planning commissioners of a planning commission training provided by ETDD at the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce on Monday, March 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Secretary

Date