

City of Garnett Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes

February 5, 2019

Introduction

The meeting of the Garnett Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Beth Mersman at 6:05 pm February 5, 2019. The following members were present: Beth Mersman (Chairperson), Gary Giczewski (Zoning Administrator), Commissioners Skip Landis and Les Thomas. Also present were representatives from Anderson County Hospital: Diane Doran, Vicki Mills, Travis Rockers, and David Theis. Absent were Commissioners Burt Peterson, Adam Caylor, Matt Jones, and Mike Norman.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes as written from December 18th, 2019 meeting-Motion made by Skip Landis and seconded by Les Thomas.

Citizen to be Heard:

Trisha Wilson, Brenda McCain, Rex Lizer, Jeff Wittman, Trisha Wittman, Jerry Padfield, Lonnie Sprague, Bob Mills

Citizen's concerns collectively were what was going to be done with the property the hospital wishes to purchase, and would it devalue their homes. If the house was torn down, would it increase 7th street traffic, and cause more wear and tear on the road. Also, privacy issues and their privacy being invaded. The hospital representatives countered that they had no immediate plans, but some items to be considered would be extra parking, and housing for out of town employees during severe weather conditions. Commissioners reminded citizens that fair market value is public record if they would like to compare. Also discussed the fact that after purchase, the hospital may do as they wish, provided they meet the zoning regulations. Discussion between parties ensued as far as what is best for the community, what growth is necessary, and how expansion will not be detrimental to property values, but that a professional should be hired to confirm this. Gary Giczewski assured all present that ALL information would be discussed by the Planning Commission and voted on. Beth Mersman confirmed some of previous properties that were sold did not lose value. Also discussed was the sale of the property depends entirely on whether the property can be rezoned. Motion made by Les Thomas to approve the rezoning request and turn it over to the City Commissioners for final approval. Seconded by Skip Landis. Gary Giczewski reminded citizens to attend City Commission Meeting to voice their opinions, and that the City Commissioners will have the final say on this matter. And that the City website has all the information on when the meetings are held.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Rezoning Application filed by the Board of Trustees of (St. Luke's Hospital) Anderson County as contract purchaser of property to the south of the existing hospital for future projects was discussed. Rezoning before purchase was the agreement made with the seller.

Citizen to be heard:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10

Motion made by Skip Landis for meeting to be adjourned. Motion Seconded by Les Thomas