

MINUTES
(APPROVED AS AMENDED)
CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 17, 2021

The June 17, 2021 meeting of the Garnett Planning Commission was called to order at 6:08 PM by Chair Beth Mersman. Commissioners present were Landis, Norman, and Scott. Also present were Zoning Administrator Mills, and ACRF Fire Coordinator Mick Brinkmeyer.

Chair Mersman asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the April 15, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. Commr. Landis moved, and Commr. Norman seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

Chair Mersman asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the May 20, 2021, meeting. Commr. Landis moved, and Commr. Scott seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

Chair Mersman opened the floor to public comment. There were no citizens to be heard.

There was no old business.

Chair Mersman initiated a discussion on the new business item, Special Use application for Anderson County Rural Fire, for the purpose of constructing a fire apparatus storage facility at 00000 S Westgate Rd. Zoning Administrator Mills explained that, after further discussion with the City Attorney, a Special Use Permit would be required, even with the zoning change made previously. Mills also stated that he received some public comment regarding the application, that being from the staff at ECKAN Head Start. Their concern is the extent to which the new facility would burden the infrastructure in the neighborhood, specifically the sanitary sewer. Their facility experiences problems with the sanitary sewer during periods of heavy rainfall and are concerned the construction of the new facility will compound that.

There was a discussion between the Commissioners and Brinkmeyer regarding the use of the facilities there, and the Commission concluded that the construction and the use of the sanitary facilities at the new building would not adversely impact the sanitary sewer, and the possibility exists that construction may help alleviate the problem.

Following the discussion, Commr. Landis moved to approve a Special Use Permit for Anderson County Rural Fire for the purpose of constructing a fire apparatus storage facility at 00000 S Westgate Rd. Commr. Scott seconded. Chair Mersman expressed concern about voting, specifically regarding her affiliation with the Fire Department, and asked if any of the members present had any objection to her voting. Mills explained that, while she does have an affiliation with the department, her financial security is not tied to the passing of the motion, so her voting on the measure should not be considered inappropriate. Motion carried 4-0.

Chair Mersman initiated a discussion regarding the second new business item, beginning review of the City Ordinances related to Zoning, Planning, and Flood Damage Prevention. After discussion, Commr. Norman moved to table review of the ordinances until more members were present. Commr. Scott seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no other business before this commission, Commr. Norman moved to adjourn. Commr. Landis seconded. Motion carried 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM