

MINUTES
(APPROVED AS WRITTEN)
CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2021

The December 21, 2021 meeting of the Garnett Planning Commission was called to order at 1809 by Chair Mersman. Other members present were Co-Chair Peterson, and Commrs. Frye and Thomas. Also in attendance were Zoning Administrator Mills, and resident Larry Katzer, who had business before the Commission.

Chair Mersman opened the discussion regarding the minutes of the August Planning Commission meeting, and asked for input. There was none. Commr. Frye moved to approve the minutes as written, and Chair Mersman seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

Chair Mersman opened the floor for citizens to be heard. There were none.

Chair Mersman asked for old business. There was none.

Chair Mersman introduced the new business, an application for variance submitted by Larry Katzer, owner of 1000 E Park Rd. Mills explained that Mr. Katzer intends to construct an accessory building on the east side of his property, but is unable to meet the setback requirement; doing so would place the building over the septic lateral field on the property, which is prohibited. The variance requested would allow the construction of the accessory building outside the setback, and no closer than eight feet from the electric utility.

Mills further explained that statutory notification requirements were met. Mills received one comment from the public, resident Jericho Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins stated that since the property was privately owned, he had no objection to the owner doing as he wished. Commr. Thomas asked in the building would otherwise be in conformance. Mills stated it would.

Commr. Peterson then moved to approve Mr. Katzer's application for variance to build outside of the required setback, but no closer than eight feet to the electric utility. Commr. Thomas seconded, the motion carried, 4-0.

Chair Mersman introduced the discussion items. Mills explained that the terms for the seats occupied by Commrs. Frye, Norman, and Peterson expire December 31. He further stated that the City had received Statements of Interest from Commrs. Frye and Norman, but not Commr. Peterson. Co-Chair Peterson received a Statement of Interest form prior to the meeting, and had it completed and available.

Mills then stated that the current application forms being used for the Planning Commission were originally introduced in 1993, and would like approval to update the applications. All members present expressed their approval.

There being no more business before this Commission, Commr. Thomas moved to adjourn, and Commr. Peterson seconded. Motion carried, 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 1825, with the next regular meeting to be January 18, 2022.