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**THE CITY OF EASTMAN PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
EASTMAN CITY HALL
MAY 20, 2024
MINUTES**

THE EASTMAN PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MET IN A SCHEDULED MEETING AT EASTMAN CITY HALL AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BOBBY DANFORTH, AMANDA WOODARD, JERRY STEVERSON, DWAYNE BURNEY, AND DAVID WHITTEN.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

OTHERS PRESENT: CITY OF EASTMAN FINANCIAL REPORTING CLERK VICKI BOHANNON, WILLIAM T. HOWELL, JR., CITY OF EASTMAN CODE ENFORCER JACK WHITE, FANNY LUTZ, AND CITY CLERK APRIL SHEFFIELD.

BOBBY DANFORTH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND DWAYNE BURNEY GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

BOBBY DANFORTH ASKED FOR AN APPROVAL TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS. DWAYNE BURNEY, SECONDED BY JERRY STEVENSON, THE AGENDA WAS UNANIMOUSLY AMENDED AND APPROVED WITH THE NEW ADDITION.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

BOBBY DANFORTH ASKED FOR APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SCHEDULED MEETING ON APRIL 15, 2024. AMANDA WOODARD MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DWAYNE BURNEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING ON APRIL 15, 2024, AS PRESENTED. SO CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING:

APPLICATION FROM **WILLIAM T. HOWELL, JR.** FOR A VARIANCE TO PLACE A LED BILLBOARD ON HIS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5014 17TH AVENUE. WILLIAM T. HOWELL, JR WAS PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICATION. NO ONE WAS PRESENT OPPOSING THE APPLICATION. WILLIAM T. HOWELL, JR. SPOKE AND STATED THAT HE WANTS A VERTICAL DIGITAL SIGN IN PLACE OF THE HOUSE, AND THE SIGN WILL BE ALL THAT IS LOCATED ON THIS PROPERTY. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION, ON A MOTION FROM DWAYNE BURNEY, SECONDED BY DAVID WHITTEN, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST. SO CARRIED. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION AT THEIR MAY 30, 2024, MEETING.

APPLICATION FROM **HAL M. SMITH, JR., AND BRIAN DENNIS** FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONVERT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 205 FOSTER STREET INTO MULTI-USE RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS. NO ONE WAS PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICATION. FANNIE LUTZ WAS PRESENT WITH QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS APPLICATION AND WHAT THEY ARE PLANNING TO DO AT THIS LOCATION. MRS. LUTZ DOES NOT WANT ANY ISSUES WITH THE RESIDENTS LIVING AT THIS LOCATION, SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THE TRAFFIC THAT THIS REQUEST WILL CAUSE. JACK WHITE EXPLAINED THAT THIS LOCATION HAS ADEQUATE PARKING, AND THE APARTMENTS WILL BE GEARED TO ELDERLY LOW TO MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS. MRS. LUTZ STATED THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD USE TO BE NICE AND QUIET, BUT NOW THE TRAFFIC IS BAD, AND NO ONE STOPS AT THE STOP SIGNS, PEOPLE PARK IN HER YARD OR ON HER VACANT LOT. JACK WHITE TOLD MRS. LUTZ TO CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEXT TIME ANYONE PARKS ON HER PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION. DWAYNE BURNEY STATED THAT THE PLANS FOR THESE APARTMENTS ARE NICE. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION, ON A MOTION FROM DWAYNE BURNEY, SECONDED BY JERRY STEVERSON, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT. SO CARRIED. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION AT THEIR JUNE 10, 2024, MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE.

THE BOARD VOTED TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS; THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHAIR – BOBBY DANFORTH.

VICE CHAIR – DAVID WHITTEN

SECRETARY – AMANDA WOODARD

ADJOURNMENT:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, BOBBY DANFORTH CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. DAVID WHITTEN MADE A MOTION, WITH A SECOND FROM DWAYNE BURNEY, SO CARRIED. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

SECRETARY