

May 16, 2011

The Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its regular meeting place located at 500 N. Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana, at 5:30 p.m., on the 16th day of May, 2011, after full compliance with the convening of said meeting, with the following members present:

LENORE CARROLL, Land Use Commission District 1
TROY DARBY, Land Use Commission District 2
JOHNNY PEEL, Land Use Commission District 3
LAWRENCE DAVID, Land Use Commission District 4
GERRIT LAWRENCE, Land Use Commission of District 5

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above results, prayer was led by Mr. Peel followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. David.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. With no changes being made, motion was made by Mr. Lawrence seconded by Mr. Peel that the minutes stand as written. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. David seconded by Mr. Peel that item #3 be removed. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Lawrence seconded by Mr. Peel that item #1 be added to the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mr. Lawrence seconded by Mr. David that the agenda stand as changed. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda is a resolution electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Land Use Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Peel seconded by Mrs. Carroll that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION

Resolution electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby elect Gerrit Lawrence as Chairman and Lawrence David as Vice-Chairman for the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Darby, Mr. Peel, Mr. David, Mr. Lawrence

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 16th day of May, 2011.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

GERRIT LAWRENCE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution granting a rezone to Patti Hinnard Mallett, et al, 223 Patton Street, from Residential District to Business District to market property to be sold. Motion was made by Mr. Peel seconded by Mrs. Carroll that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION

Resolution granting a rezone to Patti Hennard Mallett, et al, 223 Patton Street, from Residential District to Business District to market property to be sold.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a rezone to Patti Hennard Mallett, et al, 223 Patton Street, from Residential District to Business District to market property to be sold.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Peel, Mr. Lawrence

NAYS: Mr. David, Mr. Darby

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 16th day of May, 2011.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

GERRIT LAWRENCE, Chairman

The next item on the agenda is a resolution granting a variance to James & LaFleur Group, LLC, 503 Cypress Street, to allow for 68 parking spaces rather than the required 120. Mr. Darby stated that if we grant this variance they could sell this property later and the new owners may need this parking. These owners still haven't addressed the flooding problem either. Why should we help them when they won't do what we ask of them? These owners have told us a lot of misleading facts throughout the last couple of years. They changed the rules in the middle of the game. Mr. David stated that our ordinance requires them to have all this parking. They should have planned this further ahead. They built way too much on this lot.

Mayor Duncan stated that in order for this applicant not to flood the adjacent property owners they need to make the water go into the catch basins that are located in the rear of the property. He also stated that Pat Bergeron, City Inspector, explained this to the property owner. Mayor Duncan stated that he had no problem with the gazebos and landscaping going on top of the concrete. Motion was then made by Mr. Darby seconded by Mr. Peel that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

Resolution granting a variance to Article IV, Part 2, Section 7 of the Land Use Ordinance to James & LaFleur Group, LLC, 503 Cypress Street, to allow for 68 parking spaces rather than the required 120.

WHEREAS, James & LaFleur, LLC, wish to have green space in place of concrete to allow for gazebos.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a variance to Article IV, Part 2, Section 7 of the Land Use Ordinance to James & LaFleur Group, LLC, 503 Cypress Street, to allow for 68 parking spaces rather than the required 120.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: None

NAYS: Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Darby, Mr. Peel, Mr. David, Mr. Lawrence

ABSENT: None

And the said resolution failed on this 16th day of May, 2011.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

GERRIT LAWRENCE, Chairman

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

GERRIT LAWRENCE, Chairman

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6:10 P.M.