

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Knapp. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call were: Chairman Knapp and members Alderman Sir, Schmiedeskamp, Svoboda, Scheer, Austermann, Siebenman and Kiefer. Mr. Smith was absent. Also in attendance was City Administrator Craig Sabo.

A. A petition from J.S. Cambridge for a Special Use Permit for an Adult Day Care Center to be located at 110 Hilltop Village Center Drive.

Notice of the Public Hearing was published in The Countian on Monday, February 23, 2015 and in The Current on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

Sarah Wolk, a representative for J.S. Cambridge, stated that they were seeking authority to operate an adult day care facility in the Hilltop Shopping Center. She stated it would provide transportation to and from the facility and the hours of operation would be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Knapp inquired as to the number of patrons the facility would serve. Ms. Wolk stated that there would be approximately sixty-five (65) patrons pending approval from the Eureka Fire Protection District.

Mr. Schmiedeskamp inquired as to if the facility would be licensed by the State. Ms. Wolk stated that the State licensing is the same as a nursing facility but with a different set of regulations.

Mr. Svoboda inquired as to if there would be beds at the facility. Ms. Wolk stated that they are required by State regulations to have one (1) sick bed, but that would be the only bed in the facility. She stated that the facility would offer a variety of activities and outings.

Mr. Scheer inquired as to if what types of patrons the facility would accept. Ms. Wolk stated that they have a variety of patrons at other facilities that included those suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. She stated that there may be adult children with disabilities and the line is drawn by the amount of care a person would need as mandated by State licensing requirements.

Mr. Svoboda inquired as to the number of employees at the facility and if that number would meet the ratio required by the State. Ms. Wolk stated that it was planned to have thirteen (13) full-time employees and they were required to have a one (1) to eight (8) ratio. She stated that they would also have two (2) cooks and potentially two (2) bus drivers.

Mr. Scheer inquired as to the security of the center and if there would be access to an outdoor area. Ms. Wolk stated that all doors will have locks and alarms and the front door would be by the office with windows. She stated that no one would be allowed in a room by themselves. Ms. Wolk stated that they would also be seeking approval to fence an area in the rear of the building to allow the patrons to spend time outdoors.

Mr. Scheer inquired as to if they would be serving hot meals at the facility. Ms. Wolk stated that they would be serving hot breakfasts and lunches and an afternoon snack.

Mr. Scheer inquired as to if there would be provisions for the loading of wheelchairs. Ms. Wolk stated that the loading and unloading of patrons would be in the rear of the building. She stated that a ramp would be installed for such and that all buses would be wheelchair accessible.

Mr. Austermann inquired as to if the facility was co-ed and if the patrons be self-sufficient. Ms. Wolk stated that they have a wide range of patrons with some being self-sufficient and others requiring more attention.

Mr. Austermann inquired as to the ratio of patrons needing more care to those who do not.
Ms. Wolk stated that it would depend on the location and the demographic.

Mr. Scheer inquired as to if the facility accepted Medicare.
Ms. Wolk stated that they accept both Medicare and Medicaid patients.

Mr. Austermann inquired about the interior renovations of the facility.
Ms. Wolk stated that after the renovation there would be three (3) recreational rooms, a dining area, a rest area, bathrooms, a sick room, a nurse station and two (2) offices.

Mr. Scheer inquired as to if they had similar facilities in the area.
Ms. Wolk stated that they had four (4) in the St. Louis area with two (2) being located in St. Louis and one (1) in St. Charles.

Mr. Scheer inquired as to if Ms. Wolk was aware of how often ambulances need to be summoned to a facility.
Ms. Wolk stated it was not very often and if she stated a number it would be speculation.

Mr. Austermann inquired as to who the medical person would be in charge at the facility.
Ms. Wolk stated that there are nurses on staff and the nurse that would head the Eureka facility was a registered nurse.

Mr. Siebenman inquired as to if any of the facilities were located within a strip center.
Ms. Wolk stated not in the St. Louis area, but the facility in Thayer, Missouri was located in a strip center.

No one spoke in support of or opposition to the petition.

There being no further matters for discussion, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Barb Griffin, Acting Secretary

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On motion by Mr. Svoboda, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, the Minutes of February 11, 2015 were approved.

GUESTS:

There were no guests who wished to address the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. A petition from J.S. Cambridge for a Special Use Permit for an Adult Day Care Center to be located at 110 Hilltop Village Center Drive.

Chairman Knapp stated that they appear to operate a nice facility.

Mr. Scheer stated that he had no objections as long as the Eureka Fire District approved the number of patrons the facility was allowed to care for at one time.

Mr. Siebenman stated that he had concerns with it being located in a retail strip center.

Chairman Knapp stated that he did not think it would cause a problem in the center.

Mr. Scheer stated that he did not think it would cause a problem with traffic due to the fact that the loading and unloading of patrons would be in the rear of the facility.

Mr. Svoboda stated that he thought Ms. Wolk did an excellent job presenting the petition.

Chairman Knapp went over the six (6) points of factual determination as required in Municipal Code Section 23-182(d).

The consensus was unanimously favorable on all points.

On motion by Mr. Austermann, seconded by Mr. Scheer and unanimously passed by those members in attendance, approval was recommended for a petition from J.S. Cambridge for a Special Use Permit for an Adult Day Care Center to be located at 110 Hilltop Village Center Drive.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

There was no additional business to be discussed.

There being no further matters for discussion, on motion by Mr. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Austermann and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- March 25, 2015
- April 15, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Barb Griffin, Acting Secretary