

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

Present at roll call were: Members Alderman Sir, Schmiedeskamp, Svoboda, Austermann, Siebenman and Kiefer.

Also in attendance was City Administrator Craig Sabo. Absent were Chairman Knapp, Mr. Smith and Mr. Scheer.

A. A petition from Daniel Corley for an amendment to the Municipal Code relating to Motor Vehicle Sales Display Lot Regulations.

Notice of the Public Hearing was published in The Countian on Monday, March 9, 2015 and in The Current on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

Speaking on behalf of the petitioner was Mr. Kenneth Heinz, an attorney representing Mr. Corley. Mr. Heinz stated that Mr. Corley had previously submitted a Special Use Permit Application to allow a motor vehicle sales lot on his property, but was informed that it was not allowed by City Code due to a restriction that a business within one thousand (1,000) feet currently selling motor vehicles would prohibit another business from doing the same. He stated that Mr. Corley had become aware at that time that the owner of a neighboring property had submitted a petition for a Code Amendment to allow such sales, but the neighbor had withdrawn the petition. Mr. Heinz stated that Mr. Corley is submitting the exact same petition to allow for such activity and the language of the amendment had been reviewed by the City Attorney. He stated that a motor vehicle sales lot would be the most compatible use as Mr. Corley's property had previously been utilized as a service station and a motorcycle sales business. He stated that the property had been vacant since last Spring and that it is a difficult site to rent due to the elevation of the property. Mr. Heinz stated that the Code amendment would take into consideration that businesses that had permission to sell vehicles on consignment would not affect a business within the thousand (1,000) foot regulation to operate a motor vehicle sales lot.

Speaking in support of the petition was Mr. Patrick Corley. He stated that his family have been longtime members of the community and would like to remain as such. He stated that the property had been vacant since last year and for financial reasons, they needed to get it rented. Mr. Corley stated that they have potential renters in place, but must seek the Code amendment to allow them the opportunity to apply for a permit to operate their business.

There being no further matters for discussion, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Barb Griffin, Acting Secretary

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Also in attendance was City Administrator Craig Sabo. Absent were Chairman Knapp, Mr. Smith and Mr. Scheer.

On motion by Mr. Svoboda, seconded by Mr. Siebenman and unanimously passed, the Minutes of March 11, 2015 were approved.

GUESTS:

Mr. Kenneth Heinz, the attorney for Mr. Daniel Corley, once again requested that the Commission grant favorable consideration on Mr. Corley's petition to amend the Municipal Code.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration of a petition from Daniel Corley for an amendment to the Municipal Code relating to Motor Vehicle Sales Display Lot Regulations.

Mr. Schmiedeskamp stated that when he voted to approve Assured Automotive's authority to sell vehicles on consignment, he did not realize it would affect other businesses.

Mr. Siebenman inquired as to if anyone knew the approximate distance between Assured Automotive and Mr. Corley's property; no one in attendance knew the distance.

On motion by Mr. Svoboda, seconded by Mr. Siebenman and passed with 5 "YES" votes and 1 "NO" vote (cast by Mr. Austermann), approval was recommended for a petition from Daniel Corley for an amendment to the Municipal Code relating to Motor Vehicle Sales Display Lot Regulations.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

There was no additional business to be discussed.

There being no further matters for discussion, on motion by Mr. Svoboda, seconded by Mr. Siebenman and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- April 15, 2015
- April 29, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Barb Griffin, Acting Secretary