

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MANNING BOARD OF APPEALS

**Monday, January 25, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

**Council Chambers
City Hall Bldg.**

Members Present:

Marvin L. Brewer
Ted Gardner
James Zimmerman
Mark Bellamy- Alternate

Staff Present:

Mary Adger
Administrative Services Coordinator

Donna Walker
Administrative Services Clerk

I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:

Mr. T. Gardner welcomed all and presented the Board Members. In addition, Mr. Gardner reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones or to put their phones on vibrate. Furthermore, Mr. Gardner stated that everyone speaking needed to state their names and sign in if they were “for” or “against” a request when coming forth.

II. Invocation: Mr. T. Gardner

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2015 & Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of January 07, 2016. A **motion** was made by Mr. J. Zimmerman and was seconded by Mr. M. Brewer to accept the minutes. All favored the motion.

IV. Election of Officers

All offices were declared vacant.

A **motion** was made by Mr. J. Zimmerman and was seconded by Mr. Brewer to name Mr. T. Gardner chairperson. All favored the motion.

A **motion** was made by Mr. M. Brewer and was seconded by Mr. T. Gardner to name Mr. Zimmerman vice-chairperson. All favored the motion.

- V. Contingent upon approval of Clarendon County School District 2's request for re-zoning, Request No. V-2016-01 by Clarendon School District 2, 2155 Paxville Hwy proposes, to allow variances at Tax Map# 169-07-00-002-00 & 169-07-00-001-00 located on Paxville Hwy as follows: A variance of 560 feet for proposed advertisement Sign #1 on the east end of the school parcel contiguous to an existing advertisement sign (Auto Money Title Loans); a variance of 676 feet from proposed advertisement Sign #3 on the west end of school property to the proposed advertisement Sign #2; and a variance of six feet over the maximum height requirement of 35 feet for Sign #3.**

Marie Gibbons (Representative)

Mrs. Gibbons stated that Clarendon School District 2 is requesting variances for three billboards to be placed on Manning High School Property. The District wants to advertise good news about its students. The District started out a few years ago advertising the success of many of its students like the Junior Scholars on the advertising board right down from the elementary school. She stated the responses received from its faulty, students and parents were unbelievable. The district wanted to have more advertising signs to follow the positive feedback and to encourage the students. As a result Adams Outdoor Advertisement was contacted to see if they could put the signs up. Later Adams found out they had to request re-zoning and asked for a variance.

The following inquiries were made by the Board:

Mr. Brewer

Mr. Brewer asked if it will be six advertising faces.

Mrs. Gibbons

Mrs. Gibbons stated it will be six advertising faces that will change every month.

Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman asked which advertising face the school will have if other businesses will be advertising as well.

Mrs. Gibbons

Mrs. Gibbons stated that will be decided between her and the account agent that will be handling their advertisement.

Mr. Gardner

Mr. Gardner asked what are the dimensions of the advertising signs.

Mr. Willis (Adam Outdoor Advertisement)

Mr. Willis stated the signs are 300 square feet as the city's ordinance states.

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Mr. Brewer

Mr. Brewer asked what are the spacing requirements between signs according to the city's ordinance.

Mrs. Adger (Staff)

Mrs. Adger stated to the Board that she didn't have the city's ordinance with her.

Mr. Willis

Mr. Willis stated its a thousand feet according to the city's ordinance.

Mr. Glenn Willis (Adams Outdoor Advertisement)

Mr. Willis stated that their company has been working with Clarendon School District for many years. The company is Christian based and he believes that the school district chose the company off their values. He also stated he's been with the business for over thirty years. They knew they could assist the school because that area was in high demand by local businesses. Farmers Telephone Company has plans to use one advertising face for their business. Adams plan to clear 50 feet back from the intersection near Farmers Telephone and clear another 50 feet back near Bojangles' intersection. The school buses come out across from Wal-Mart. When the school buses and other traffic are in the area it's a blind intersection, even with the traffic control you can't see until you come out. Mr. Willis stated that he is the vice president of the Outdoor Advertising Association of South Carolina and they do not allow advertisement for adult entertainment.

Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman asked will the billboards be lighted.

Mr. Willis

Mr. Willis stated that the advertising signs will be digitally lighted as well as meeting the international building code.

Mr. Brewer

Mr. Brewer asked how long will the advertisements stay up.

Mr. Willis

Mr. Willis stated the advertisements will be up for at least four weeks at a time.

Mr. Brewer

Mr. Brewer asked if the signs were fabric.

Mr. Willis

Mr. Willis stated that they no longer post paper but used vinyl on all signs.

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Mrs. Gibbons

Mrs. Gibbons stated on behalf of the Clarendon School District 2 Board and our superintendent that they would like things to look good because most of the public don't come into the school; they only see what is being advertised on the outside, which forms an impression. This sign will be on the school property; so we want things to look good for the school.

Mr. Brewer

Mr. Brewer asked will the school collect money from these signs.

Mrs. Gibbons

Mrs. Gibbons stated the school is not collecting money from these signs.

Mr. Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman asked how is your company safety records.

Mr. Willis

Mr. Willis stated the company is certified and they have a safety program that they are very proud of.

Mrs. Adger

Mrs. Adger stated to the Board that if they made a decision tonight to pass the request, it would be contingent upon the approval of the re-zoning request being reviewed by city council; it has passed first reading and is up for another reading on February 16th.

Opponents:

No one was in attendance to oppose the request.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Brewer and was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman to grant the three variances located on Paxville Hwy at Tax Map# 169-07-00-002-00 & 169-07-00-001-00 contingent upon approval of the re-zoning by city council. All favored the motion.

VI. Board Comments:

Mrs. Adger

Mrs. Adger stated to the Board there have been some changes with the training for the different zoning board's but Ms. Walker will have the information sent out as soon as possible.

Ms. Walker

Ms. Walker stated to the board that she apologized the packets went out so late.

VII. Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Brewer to adjourn and Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion.
All favored the motion.

Time: 6:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Walker, Administrative Services Clerk