

Brenham City Council Minutes

A public hearing of the Brenham City Council was held on August 4, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix
Councilmember Andrew Ebel
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Members absent:

Councilmember Danny Goss
Councilmember Keith Herring

Others present:

City Manager Terry Roberts, Assistant City Manager of General Government Ryan Rapelye, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Scheffer, Police Chief Craig Goodman, Corporal Chris Jackson, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Development Services Manager Erik Smith and Kim Hodde

Citizens present:

Kassie Conner, John Scott Hueske, Jake Zorn, Krissie Zorn, Johanna Fatheree and Clint Kolby

Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Mark Whitehead, KWHI

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Public Hearing Concerning Proposed Amendment of Appendix A – “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham Granting a Specific Use Permit to Krissie Zorn to Allow for Open (Outdoor) Display or Storage of Retail Merchandise as an Accessory Use on Property Located at 2600 N. Park Street in a B-1, Local Business/Residential Mixed Use Zoning District, and Being Described as Reserve A, Block 1 of the Scenic Estates Subdivision in Brenham, Washington County, Texas

Mayor Tate opened the Public Hearing.

Development Services Manager Erik Smith presented this item. Smith explained that Krissie Zorn has requested a specific use permit (SUP) regarding open (outdoor) display or storage of retail merchandise as an accessory use to uses permitted in the B-1 District located at 2600 North Park Street. Smith stated that the proposed business is going to be named Blue Goose Garden and Gifts. Smith advised that the applicant is proposing to sell goods including vegetables, herbs, plants, shrubs and mulch outside of their business. Smith noted the owner of the property is John Hueske.

Smith noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission met on July 25th and held a public hearing regarding the specific use permit. Smith explained that residents had several concerns with the property. Smith advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended unanimous approval of this request with the condition it only is granted for a period of one calendar year, after which time another SUP must be applied for again and granted to continue the use.

Smith also stated the Comprehensive Plan lists this property as being a commercial/retail district and the zoning ordinance lists this as B-1 Local Business/Residential Mixed Use District. Smith advised that open (outdoor) display or storage of retail merchandise as an accessory use to uses permitted in the B-1 District are within the allowed requests for special use permits.

John Hueske, the property owner, stated that he heard the concerns of the residents and has begun to address some of the issues. Hueske explained that he does not agree with the one year probationary period because there are expenses with starting a business and he would not want to have the business taken away in a year. Hueske noted that there will not be any portable buildings at the site.

Councilmember Ebel asked how 18 wheelers will enter into the property and exit for deliveries. Krissie Zorn stated that the plants will be delivered in box trucks and there will not be any 18 wheelers delivering products.

Citizen Johanna Fatheree stated that she is in support of the business and owners. Fatheree noted the business will be a great asset to the area.

Mayor Tate closed the Public Hearing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Jean Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

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