

MINUTES OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Hartman at 7:35 PM.

Roll call was taken: **Present: Mueller, Hagenow, Boothman, Loerch, Kaempfe, Gibbs and Hartman.**

Chairman Hartman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting. Childers mentioned that under Petition Z-16-07-01 the sentence “*There are two existing historical buildings on the property that he would like since they were part of the original working farm*” be change to read “*There are two existing historical buildings on the property that he would like **to keep** since they were part of the original working farm.*”

A motion was made by Boothman and seconded by Hagenow to approve the amended minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if there were any citizens to address the Zoning Board of Appeals. There were none.

The Chairman also asked if there were any corrections or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chairman asked if there was any old business. There was none.

PETITIONS:

Z-16-09-01 Review and Comment on proposed Zoning Text Amendment for Section 40-4-16(F)(2)(a) regarding Political Signs.

The Zoning Administrator stated that there has been numerous calls to City Hall, in addition to newspaper ads and articles regarding the “mobile billboard” parked at Michael’s. Mr. Allan Mueller proposed a Zoning Text Amendment as a starting point to discuss adding language to the Zoning code regarding these “mobile billboards”. The City Attorney thought the “message” versus the “political” aspect of the sign should be reviewed. It was thought that it just wasn’t the political nature of the sign; it was the signage in general that is the issue. Mr. Hayes proposed a new definition of “billboard” that is believed to better address this type of “mobile signage”. The suggested language would still allow a business vehicle to be parked at the owner’s residence or at their place of business, but, would deter a vehicle from being parked at a general location where no business was being performed. The amendment, if approved, would not go into effect until after January 1, 2017. Moving trucks, such as Tammy Mitchell-Hines, would be classified as a vehicle that is connected to the business. In addition, construction trailers that are tied to the job site would not be considered a “mobile billboard”. A short discussion was held on the classification of Schneider’s meat trailer and it was mentioned that any vehicle larger than a passenger van would be consider a “mobile billboard”. It was determined more clarification was needed regarding van size and trailers. Anything that was pulled behind a motorized vehicle was

consider a trailer and “trailers”, per this amendment, would be classified as a billboard. Furthermore, a passenger van or passenger car with signage would not be classified as a billboard.

Motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Gibbs to recommend the following definition of a Billboard for the City of Waterloo Zoning Code:

BILLBOARD. A sign, whether located on real estate or affixed to, connect to, or painted on a vehicle, which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, entertainment conducted or a message of any kind, unconnected with, or unrelated to, the business or the mission of the premises where such a sign is located.

Notwithstanding, a sign affixed to, or painted on a vehicle smaller than or equal to the size of a passenger van will not be not considered a billboard.

The ordinance would be effective no earlier than January 1, 2017.

Members voted as follows: YES – Mueller, Hagenow, Boothman, Gibbs and Hartmann.

NO – Loerch and Kaempfe

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chairman asked if there was any new business. There was none.

COMMENTS:

The Chairman asked if there were any new additional comments. There was none.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM was made by Kaempfe and seconded by Boothman.

Motion carried.

Minutes respectively submitted by Mechelle Childers

