

Buhl Planning & Zoning
Buhl, Twin Falls County, Idaho
August 19th, 2020

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Barbara Gietzen. Commissioners present: Jeanne Gannon, Maggie Himmelberger, Marla Sisson and Jason Richardson. Also present were Scott Bybee and Teresa Robbins.

A Quorum for the regular meeting was confirmed by Scott Bybee

Public Hearing #1: A hearing was held for a Variance request for steel storage containers for the Elm Street storage facility.

Sandy Gleason spoke and presented the request to allow steel storage containers instead of stick built storage units as was approved by the Planning and Zoning Board for this location previously. Sandy indicated someone would be on the property 3 to 4 days each week. The site would be graveled and would be maintained and weed free. There would be a fence with a gate on Elm Street. The internal roadways would be 24 to 29 feet in width. Sandy indicated she had reviewed the layout with the Fire Department and they were okay with it. Sandy passed out a design packet to each Board member.

Barbara read an opposition letter from Mary Wonenberg outlining her concerns.

Mary Wonenberg and Brady Wonenberg spoke against the installation of the steel containers as they are concerned about maintenance of the units and the property, vandalism security and decreasing home values in the area because of the change. They were also concerned about the possibility of people storing flammable or hazardous materials in the steel containers. They both felt that stick built units would look better and that the original approved plan should not be altered.

Sandy rebutted the remarks and indicated the units are very sturdy and would be very difficult for anything inside to burn or be vandalized. She further indicated the gravel surface would be maintained properly without weeds.

The public hearing was closed at 11:00.

The regular meeting was opened at 11:01.

Minutes for the July 15th, 2020 meeting were approved.

There was no old business.

Under New Business:

The Board had a discussion about the Elm Street storage facility Variance request and voted unanimously to deny the request because they felt the original stick built facility was approved,

in part, because of the appearance of the stick built units and they felt the requested change was detrimental to the site and not within the intent as previously approved. Scott outlined the procedure for an appeal and indicated he would prepare the Findings of Fact for Sandy Gleason's request and sent it to her for her review and use.

An application for a Commercial Kennel License at 201 6th Avenue South was approved.

The Middleton Preliminary Plat was reviewed and approved as submitted.

The Gietzen Subdivision Preliminary Plat was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Richard White addressed the Board about the need to request a Special Use Permit every two weeks for his live music for Magic Valley Brewery. Scott indicated that this was something that the Board would be reviewing and potentially modifying as part of the overall Code review. After discussion it was decided to give Magic Valley Brewery a Special Use Permit for the rest of August, September and October. Magic Valley Brewery can have music once per week until 9:00 pm.

Commission Concerns: Barbara asked staff to look at the property at 601 Broadway North because it is getting trashy.

Citizens Concerns: None

Adjourn: Jeanne moved and Maggie 2nd

The meeting was adjourned @ 11:30AM.

The next meeting will be September 16th, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.