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**THE CITY OF EASTMAN PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
EASTMAN CITY HALL
JANUARY 18, 2022
MINUTES**

THE EASTMAN-DODGE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MET IN A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT EASTMAN CITY HALL AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: JOHN REDDOCK, DAVID WHITTEN, BOBBY DANFORTH, AND DEBORAH HOWELL.

MEMBERS ABSENT: JERRY STEVERSON.

OTHERS PRESENT: CITY OF EASTMAN FINANCIAL REPORTING CLERK VICKI BOHANNON, CITY OF EASTMAN CODE ENFORCER JESSE BEARDEN, CITY MANAGER SPENCER BARRON, CITY ATTORNEY RITA LLOP, RON & CHLOE WHITTINGTON, DAMEON HARRIS, TOM PEACOCK, DENNIS & CAROL GIDDENS, TYLER KIRKLEY.

JOHN REDDOCK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

JOHN REDDOCK ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. ON A MOTION FROM DAVID WHITTEN, SECONDED BY DEBORAH HOWELL, THE AGENDA WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

JOHN REDDOCK ASKED FOR APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 16, 2021 MEETING. BOBBY DANFORTH MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DEBORAH HOWELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2021 AS PRESENTED. SO CARRIED.

THE BOARD'S NEW OFFICERS FOR 2022 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHAIRMAN – JOHN REDDOCK

VICE CHAIRMAN – DAVID WHITTEN

SECRETARY – JERRY STEVERSON

NEW BUSINESS:

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FROM DODGE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO CONVERT 5 ROOMS AT 415 GRIFFIN STREET IN ORDER TO HOUSE REHABILITATION RESIDENTS.

RON WHITTINGTON AND DENNIS GIDDENS WERE PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICATION. NO ONE WAS PRESENT IN OPPOSITION OF THE APPLICATION. RON WHITTINGTON STATED THAT THE HOUSE AT 5135 PINE STREET NEEDED TOO MUCH REPAIR AND WOULDN'T SUPPLY ENOUGH ROOM FOR ALL THE MEN THEY NEEDED TO HOUSE. RON ALSO STATED THAT THEY ARE ONLY OCCUPYING HALF THE BUILDING ON GRIFFIN STREET AND IT IS BIG ENOUGH TO RENOVATE AND SUPPLY WHAT ROOM THE MEN WILL REQUIRE. JOHN REDDOCK STATED THAT THE PERMIT YOU'RE ASKING FOR IS ALLOWABLE IN THIS ZONING AREA. JESSE BEARDEN STATED THAT THE LIVING QUARTERS THEY HAVE RENOVATED ARE NICE AND THEY STILL HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR THE CHURCH SERVICES AS WELL. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION, ON A MOTION FROM BOBBY DANFORTH, SECONDED BY DEBORAH HOWELL, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROCEED WITH THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION. SO CARRIED. A PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

APPLICATION FROM NASH ENTERPRISES LLC. AND LEAVE IT BETTER INC. FOR A VARIANCE TO PLACE A MURAL ON THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 106 MAIN STREET.

TOM PEACOCK WAS PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICATION. NO ONE WAS PRESENT IN OPPOSITION OF THE APPLICATION. TOM PEACOCK STATED THAT THEY HAVE A PAINTER THAT CAN START ON THE MURAL IN MARCH IF THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED. JOHN REDDOCK DESCRIBED WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED. HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE MURALS THAT ARE LOCATED IN HAWKINSVILLE AND HOW NICE THEY ARE THIS ONE WILL BE AS WELL. THE MURAL WILL ALSO ENHANCE THE LOOK OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA. MR. REDDOCK DISCUSSED THAT THE STUCKEY CANDY COMPANY CONTENT OF THE MURAL HAS BEEN IN QUESTION BUT HAS SINCE BEEN RESOLVED. JESSE BEARDEN STATED THAT THE STUCKEY CANDY COMPANY IS A BIG PART OF EASTMAN'S HISTORY AND THE STUCKEY'S NAME WAS KNOWN WORLDWIDE IN PAST YEARS. BOBBY DANFORTH STATED THAT A DAY OR SO AGO THE NEWS MENTIONED THAT DODGE COUNTY WAS THE CANDY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION, ON A MOTION FROM BOBBY DANFORTH, SECONDED BY DAVID WHITTEN, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROCEED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE. SO CARRIED. JOHN REDDOCK CALLED FOR A MOTION TO HAVE A SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS APPLICATION ON FEBRUARY 10, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. ON A MOTION FROM

BOBBY DANFORTH, SECONDED BY DEBORAH HOWELL, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS VARIANCE APPLICATION. SO CARRIED. A SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING:

NONE.

ADJOURNMENT:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, JOHN REDDOCK CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. DAVID WHITTEN MADE A MOTION, WITH A SECOND FROM DEBORAH HOWELL, SO CARRIED. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

SECRETARY