

## **SEARCY PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **FEBRUARY 2021 MINUTES**

#### **SEARCY, AR**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Planning Commission of and for the City of Searcy, Arkansas, was held by Zoom ID 617 815 0816, at 12:00pm on Tuesday February 2, 2021, pursuant to proper public notice. Attending the call were Chairman Steven Jordan and Commission members: Lisa Wray, Jim House, Bill Patton, Charles Green, Larry DeGroat, Mike Cleveland and Jim Wilbourn. Also attending the call: Recording Secretary Jeri Parish, City Planner Jim VonTungeln, City Engineer Mark Lane, Code Enforcement Officers Jeff Webb and Phil Watkins, and Fire Inspector Guy Grady.

Chairman Steven Jordan called notice of a quorum.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of minutes from the January 2021 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Green moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On the agenda next was review for a Large Scale Development for Matthews International Corporation presented by Davidson Engineering. Chairman Jordan explained Matthews International Corporation plans to add on to their facility on the east side. The City Staff and Chairman Jordan explained the existing property for Matthews International is zoned commercial but the location for the proposed development is zoned industrial which is correct zone for this proposed development, therefore no issue will stand in passing the large scale development. Mark Lane explained this map was adopted by the City Council as the existing property zoned as C-4, which was not correct but Matthews can request a rezone of the property with the Planning Commission. Chairman Jordan stated he would like to find a simple solution for Matthews International in order to correct the zoning issue. Bear Davidson stressed to the Chairman and the Commissioners that Matthews International has no issues with submitting a Planning Commission Action Request in order to fix the zoning issue on the existing property. Bear Davidson explained this is a 15,000 square foot addition. This proposed development will be where the current parking lot is, therefore the proposed plans contains new parking area. This new structure will house six 3-D printers which fabricate the molds they use to make monuments

or headstones. Bear also explained this will not have a large occupancy level, so only two employees per printer. At this time, no further questions were asked. Commissioner Patton moved to approve the Large Scale Development as presented. Commissioner DeGroat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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Jim Wilbourn, Secretary