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APPROVED MINUTES
of the City Council
Public Hearing

June 4, 2020

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Dee Grimm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the American Legion, Post 539, Saint Hedwig, Texas.

2. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Roll call was taken. Members present were Councilman Dwayne Padalecki, Councilwoman Susann Baker, Councilman Caid Franckowiak, Councilwoman Deborah McInerney, and Councilman John Hafner. A quorum was established. Janice Staudt presided as City Secretary.

PUBLIC HEARING

A change in zoning classification requested by Mr. Robert Pennington of an 18.0 acre parcel (BCAD PIN: 1312509) located on the eastern side of Pittman Rd, south of FM 1346 in Saint Hedwig, Texas. Request is to rezone property located on Pittman Rd from A-1R (Agricultural/Residential) to R-2 (Single Family Residential zoning that allows for subdivision into 2.5 acre or greater tracts).

3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Bob Pennington, 12907 Hollow Cave, San Antonio, wanted everyone to know he was there to answer any questions.

Wanda Polasek, 13810 Nave Way, Saint Hedwig, said she attended all the meetings for the Future Land (Use (FLU) map, which was created as a directional guide for future development. She noted that the FLU map did not change current use or zoning of land. Ms. Polasek pointed out that on the FLU map, the property requesting the zoning change is designated as R2 zoning (allowing development on 2.5 acre tracts) and said in two previous different rezoning requests, the FLU map was used as an influential defense by the city and citizens to deny those requests. She concluded, saying the rezoning request process was followed accordingly for this request, and she is in favor of approving this rezoning request.

Richard Hammond, 2780 Pittman Rd, Saint Hedwig, wanted to see the proposed layout of the lots if divided into 2.5 acres, and requested Council to consider the configuration of the lots, to assure they are complimentary and fit in with the surrounding property.

Kenny Gulley, 731 Mihalski Lane, Saint Hedwig, had a question about property taxes, so Mayor Grimm suggested he address that at the City Council meeting to follow.

Mitch Adums, 3702 Kusmierz, Saint Hedwig, believed this issue had already been passed, and said he is opposed to this rezoning request. He said he is upset with the new housing developments on FM 1518 and all the additional lighting, traffic and flooding they created, and believes if the city allows this rezoning request, then more will follow. Mayor Dee Grimm clarified that this rezoning request had not yet been voted on.

Kathy Doege, 3085 Kusmierz, Saint Hedwig, said she's lived here all her life and her children have decided to build and raise their families here also. She said they have all had to follow the city rules when they built their homes. Ms. Doege said she did not like anyone coming into Saint Hedwig, dividing up property, trying to take the ruralness of Saint Hedwig, just to make a profit. She asked the Council to please consider to citizens' voice in opposing this rezoning request.

Lindsay Lara, 1114 Pittman Rd, Saint Hedwig, said she lives near the property requesting the rezoning, and said she had to abide by the five-acre minimum when they built their house. She said she and her family are against the rezoning request.

Kris Luensmann, 1224 Pittman Rd, Saint Hedwig, said he used to live in a subdivision in Schertz, before he built in Saint Hedwig. He said he loves the quietness and safety here. Mr. Luensmann said he believes subdivisions bring in crime and would also be concerned for the safety of his children if allowed.

Emily Terrell, 1306 Churchview Drive, Saint Hedwig, said she is very opposed to dividing up land in less than five-acre parcels, and is concerned with people trying to influence the city with their deep pockets in order to achieve this.

Mayor Dee Grimm then asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak during this Citizens to be Heard.

Wayne Nicholson, 3520 Abbott Rd, Saint Hedwig, said the new subdivisions on FM 1518 has brought more flooding and speeding traffic. He said he feels it's not safe anymore, and is concerned about someone running into his fence and his cattle getting out on the road.

Ray Wilde, 1175 Pittman Rd, Saint Hedwig, said he feels if the city allows 2.5-acre development, Pittman Road will eventually need a street light at FM 1346, and children will not be safe due to an increase in traffic.

Tommy Kosub, 2250 Pittman Rd, Saint Hedwig, said the city doesn't have enough money now to fix roads, and he's concerned about future road conditions if the city allows 2.5- acre developments, resulting in an increase in traffic.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dee Grimm adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.