

City of Benton

Commissions Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2023

Committee Members:

Steve Lee, Chair – Absent

Judd Hart - Absent

Frank Baptist, Vice Chair - Present

Evelyn Reed - Absent

Ann Spencer-Cole - Present

Shane Knight - Present

Jeff Morrow - Present

Bill Donnor - Present

Steve Brown - Present

Jeff Hamm - Present

Staff Liaison: Toby Hirscheider – Present

Council Member Baptist: Good evening, everyone, as you can see, I am standing in for Steve Lee. Evening so thank you for being here and we'll begin with the establishing a quorum, Mr. Hamm would you lead this off Jeff Hamm, Shane Knight, Judd Hart, Jeff Morrow, Toby Hirscheider, Tom Farmer, Bill Donnor, Ann Spencer-Cole, Steve Brown, Frank Baptist.

Council Member Baptist: OK, first order of business from PUC council Member Knight would you fill us in please.

Council Member Knight: Thank you, Mr. chairman, certainly. PUC will be bringing forth a resolution ratifying and confirming an extension of the current appointment for commissioner Gary Farrell, we feel and so did the PUC that it was pertinent to bring this to the council they've been unable to fill an announced vacancy which is his seat and given the amount of knowledge and to maintain continuity with quorum they felt that it would be beneficial to them if we could extend his term six months that way they could continue to advertise and interview prospective replacements for that seat on the PUC. By the way, that also comes at the wishes of commissioner Farrell. He did OK this he said yes, I'd be willing to stay on another additional six months or if we can find a replacement and in month three or month four then he would step aside.

Council Member Baptist: Any questions? Seeing none we will entertain a motion to extend commissioner member Gary Farrell.

Toby Hirscheider: No motion is needed; this is for informational purposes only.

Council Member Baptist: OK, I'm sorry about that OK up next Steve Brown will you give us an update on A&P.

Council Member Brown: Nothing new to share from my A&P at this point where our meeting is actually later this week so little early.

Council Member Hart: Hey Alderman Brown, next time can we have an update on the property that was being looked?

Council Member Brown: We have a meeting Wednesday afterwards I'll send an e-mail to everyone with an update.

Council Member Hart: OK thank you.

Council Member Baptist: Thank you, Alderman Brown, now P&Z to hear from Ann Spencer-Cole please on the two ordinances for rezone.

Council Member Spencer-Cole: Yes sir, here we have two ordinance one is parcel number 805-100-9000 this is the ordinance that's near the new Benton Parkway they're asking for C3 but after P&Z did further discussion, they asked for this to be zoned as a C2. They say it's going to be an assisted living facility and so it's going to be located near the new Benton Parkway, the Saline Manor.

Council Member Hart: This ordinance did I hear you correctly in saying that's going to be potential for another living facility.

Council Member Spencer-Cole: Assisted Living facilities off the new Benton Parkway.

Council Member Hart: OK, great.

Council Member Spencer-Cole: Then the second rezone address is going to be at 706 Center St. and that's off of Edison and what they're asking for is this high industrial area to be rezoned for RA multifamily district is where they want to go and clean it to put into duplexes in that area.

Council Member Knight: Ms. Cole, if I'm thinking right, this is the property that's the old veneer factory.

Council Member Spencer Cole: Yes, they're wanting to clean up.

Council Member Knight: OK, over yonder, gotcha.

Council Member Baptist: Any other questions, thank you anything else to discuss tonight? None being called, I call this meeting adjourned.