

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION BUCHANAN COUNTY

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

The Buchanan County Zoning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Chairperson Frye. The meeting was held electronically due to concerns with COVID-19 and social distancing which made an in-person meeting impossible or impractical.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Marlene Brown, Jim Frye, Steven Saathoff, Elena Schmitz, Jan Short, Bronson Wierck

ABSENT: Tracy Franck, Mike Robinson, Kris Wilgenbusch

STAFF: Matt Even, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC GUEST: Brent Bazan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Short to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting as submitted. Second by Wierck. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

D2020002 – RSBR Central Avenue Addition – Final Plat

Even presented the staff report. This proposal was found to be in conformance with the Buchanan County Comprehensive Plan and meets the development design standards per Section V of the Buchanan County Subdivision Ordinance.

Staff recommends approval subject to the conditions of the staff report.

Brent Bazan with Farnsworth Group, Inc and representing the developer reviewed the intent of the final plat.

Wierck inquired where Class B Portland Cement Concrete will be used as the preliminary plat stated it was to be asphalt pavement. Even stated that the preliminary plat was modified upon recommendation of the commission prior to the Board of Supervisors approving it. The Portland Cement Concrete would start where the asphalt pavement ends on Highway 281 and extend to the driveway for the property.

Motion by Schmitz to recommend approval of case D2020002, subject to the conditions of the staff report. Second by Brown.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Brown, Frye, Saathoff, Schmitz, Short

VOTING IN OPPOSITION: Wierck

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Even reviewed a new bill that passed through the state house and senate that would require all members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment to reside within the unincorporated area. This bill would make it harder to find members, maintain gender balance, and would not allow for people who own property in the unincorporated area, but reside within a city to serve on the commission. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor's office indicated that she might either veto the bill or let it expire by not signing it. Even will continue to update the commission as he hears more information.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Short to adjourn. Second by Saathoff. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Even, Secretary