

**Minutes of the
CITY OF WHITE HOUSE
Meeting of the
Municipal/Regional Planning Commission
Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

Call to order 7:00 p. m.

Roll call: Mike Arnold, Clif Hutson, Amanda Brinkley, Bob Dorris and Michael Baxter-Vice-Chairman. Staff: Addam McCormick, Ron Bailey, Angie Carrier, City Administrator, and David Amonette, City Attorney.

Absent: Paula Eller, Scott Wiggins

Approval of prior minutes dated: September 13, 2010.

Approval of Agendas: Motion to approve by Amanda Brinkley, Seconded by Clif Hutson. Motion passed unanimously.

Individual Review of Agenda Items:

AGENDA

Item # 1 **Gerald Rinehart/119 Oakdale Drive:** Property owner requests to install a (50) fifty-foot ham radio tower. Property is referenced on Sumner County Tax Map 97-E, Group A, Parcel 10.00. Property is zoned R-20, Low-Density Residential.

Motion was made to approve by Mike Arnold with stipulation that there be a ten (10) foot setback.

Vice-Chairman Baxter allowed neighbors to speak to this item.

Mrs. Robbie Barrett-114 Oakdale Dr.-She stated that she did not receive a letter regarding this item. Ms. Barrett stated concerns with the ham radio tower and once it would be installed that it would interfere with her telephone and television.

Barbara Walls-116 Oakdale Dr. - She stated concerns with interference with her phones and television.

Rhonda Thomas-118 Oakdale Dr.-She stated that she had researched this issue and spoken with people who have had towers. Ms. Thomas stated that there was radio frequency interference when someone was operating the radio. Ms. Thomas stated that she currently has phone interference.

Gerald Rinehart-owner, 119 Oakdale Drive: He stated that he is a private citizen, but serves at the Tennessee State Guard as a Director of Communication. Mr. Rinehart stated that he understood the concerns of the neighbors, but that typically high frequency radio towers do not interfere with telephones or satellite and cable televisions. Mr. Rinehart stated that the radio would only be used once a month for 15 minutes to check emergency high frequency check. Mr. Rinehart stated that this is a service for the citizens of the state. Mr. Rinehart stated that he is a licensed ham operator. Mr. Rinehart explained that the maximum wattage would be 100 watts, but typically it would only be used at a 30 to 40 amp watts. Mr. Rinehart explained this would help assist the National Guard if there were an emergency, such as an earthquake where you would lose cell tower communication. Mr. Rinehart explained that the tower would have to be approved by the FCC and NPA and also it would have to be certified by a licensed electrician and be grounded properly.

Staff stated in the FCC guidelines if the FCC determines that radio tower is causing interference with a neighbor's electronic equipment the FCC can limit the time usage to later times at night or have the tower removed.

Mr. Rinehart explained that he is currently a ham radio operator. Mr. Rinehart stated that he has 2 ham radio licenses with the ICC. Mr. Rinehart stated that he does not want to cause the neighbors any problems and if Commission needs more time to research that would be fine.

Vice-Chairman Baxter stated there had been a motion to approve and asked if there was a second to the motion.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Amanda Brinkley to defer to next month's meeting with a public hearing, seconded by Bob Dorris. Motion passed.

David Amonette, City Attorney, discussed that the primary function of this board would be regarding the health and safety issue of this type of use. Mr. Amonette stated from what he understood regarding state and federal guidelines is that the board could not approve or deny the request, but could make sure the structure was off the property line as to not cause damage to any other properties and be properly grounded.

Mr. Rinehart explained the reason he is making a request is to be a service for the citizens of Tennessee. Mr. Rinehart stated that he has no intention of contacting any persons other than those in the state.

The board had discussion on current standing of the motion and if they would like to reconsider. The board was in agreement to have motion remain as approved.

Discussion Items:

Planned Unit Development Expirations:

Staff discussed that there are currently five planned unit developments that the master plans have expired. Staff discussed to send developers a notice that the master plans have expired and that the City would not be rezoning their property, but any future development would require a new master plan to be approved by the Planning Commission and brought up to current regulations. The Commission had discussion and agreed to notices being sent by staff to developers and property owners.

Sumner County Planning Association Meeting:

Staff stated the next opportunity to obtain the 4 hours of required training would be Thursday, November 4, 2010. Staff stated he would find out the location and inform the Commissioners.

Motion was made to adjourn by Bob Dorris, seconded by Amanda Brinkley. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Vice-Chairman Baxter

Secretary, Addam McCormick