## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCOTTSBORO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

August 4, 2015

The Scottsboro City Planning Commission convened a regular meeting Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall in the City of Scottsboro, Alabama.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Chairman John Hardman

Vice Chairman Philip Hastings Councilman Tony Wallingsford

Mr. Johnny Blizzard Mr. Eddie Blizzard Mr. Jim Flowers Ms. Linda Green

Absent:

Mr. Bill Capley

Ms. Pam Ayers

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Josh Little, the City Engineer, and 3 other attendees.

A roll call was taken, and the Chairman noted that a quorum was present.

The Chairman called for a motion regarding the minutes from the February 3, 2015 meeting. Jim Flowers made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Johnny Blizzard seconded the motion. **Upon a vote being taken, all voted aye**. (Councilman Wallingsford was not present for this vote).

The Chairman opened the public hearing for:

Case No. 764: Request for a variance from requirement to abut a public street to subdivide a residential lot on property located at 844 Campground Circle. The request was made by Mr. Jack Livingston, attorney for Mr. Billy Gross, as well as Billy Gross and Jim Gross. The property is zoned R-1 (Low Density Residential District).

Mr. Livingston stated the property was proposed to be subdivided due to health issues with Mr. Billy Gross and the need to sale the front half of property. The front half abuts to Campground Circle and uses a separate driveway to access the public street. The back half of the property uses a non-exclusive 40-foot easement to access a Campground Circle. Mr. Livingston explained that this easement had been in use since the 1960s and

more than likely prior to any Subdivision Regulations in the City. Discussion was made concerning if the property was in the City Limits when the home was constructed. Mr. Billy Gross stated that he built the driveway, along the 40-foot easement, himself and paid for it to be paved with asphalt. Mr. Livingston continued to state that there were multiple neighboring homes that use the non-exclusive easement for access to Public Street.

The Chairman asked for questions from the Commissioners. Mr. Phillip Hastings asked for a copy of the non-exclusive easement, Mr. Little provided that copy. Mr. Hastings and Mr. Eddie Blizzard questioned if the City had jurisdiction over the property when the house was built and the easement was established.

With no further discussion, the Chairman asked for a motion regarding **Case No.** 764. A motion was made to approve the variance by Mr. Philip Hastings and seconded by Mr. Eddie Blizzard. **Upon a vote being taken, all voted aye.** 

In additional business, Mr. Little said there would likely not be a Planning Commission meeting in September since no cases had been submitted at this time; however, he would notify the Commission in a timely manner.

With no additional business to discuss, Chairman Hardman adjourned the meeting after a motion by Johnny Blizzard and a second by Eddie Blizzard and a unanimous vote by the committee at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

Mr. John Hardman, Chairman

**Scottsboro City Planning Commission** 

Attest:

Ms. Linda Green, Secretary