

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED by the City Council of Laurel, Mississippi that Lemual Harrelson be and he is hereby granted a one-year special exception, under the provisions of the City of Laurel Zoning Ordinance for same. Said special exception allows the Towing and Recovery service on the property described as 510 Cross Street. This property is located in R-2 which does not allow for these types of service.

Said request for the special exception was heard by the Planning Commission in a regularly scheduled meeting on February 13, 2020. The Planning Commission hereby recommends to the Laurel City Council that this special exception be granted, as it would not adversely affect the adjoining property owners, the public health, the public safety, or the general welfare of the community.

Motion was made by Councilperson Capers, seconded by Councilperson Wheat, that the foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Wheat, Thaxton, Carmichael, S. Comegys, Page

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted, this the 3rd day of March, A. D., 2020.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE _____

VETO () DATE _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

MUNICIPAL CLERK

BE IT REMEMBERED that a meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Laurel was held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Laurel City Hall.

Susan Vincent, acting chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM. The secretary checked the roll and found the following members present: Rev. Jimmy Bunch; Bruce Gavin; Susan Boone Vincent; Lew Yoder; Charlotte Graham; Henry Dorris; Sandy Holifield (ex-officio). Also, present, was Judy Denham, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, who serves as secretary to the Commission.

Minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Lew Yoder which was seconded by Henry Dorris.

After discussion to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Code, section 407. C-2 General Commercial District. Specifically, 407.02.33. To expand the wording to include crematoriums. After discussion of the amendment Lew Yoder made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Susan Vincent, the motion unanimously passed.

Purpose of the meeting was to consider the following in public hearing (complete legal description may be found in the petition file):

- 1. Special Exception Petition Docket No. SPE-20-01**, styled Lemual Harrelson, Owner; (Bob Skipper, Lessee), 68 Ira Gilbert Road, requesting a special exception to operate a Towing and Recovery service at 510 Cross Street which is currently zoned R-2, this zoning does not allow for a Towing and Recovery service. Towing and Recovery services are appropriate in an I-3 zone.
- 2. Conditional Use Petition Docket No. CU-20-01**, styled George Blackwell, 1664 Hwy 29 N, Ellisville, MS 39437, requesting a conditional use to operate bar/restaurant at 320 W 5th Street currently this property is zoned C-4. Under the current C-4 zoning it requires approval of the Commission for Conditional Use of Bars, Nightclub, Lounge, of Tavern.
- 3. Zoning Change Petition Docket No. Z-20-01**, styled Karen Bell, 5653 Hwy 84 West, Laurel, MS 39443, requesting a zoning change to operate cabinet business at 724 & 728 N 14th Avenue, currently this property is zoned R-2. Residential zoning does not allow for this type of business. This business would be allowed in a C-2 which is current zoning surrounding property.

The first item to be considered was the petition from Lemual Harrelson, there were questions about a sight obscuring fence being put up to cover any vehicles that would be left there. Mr. Harrelson's answer was yes, he would put up a fence if the tenant would be there a while, Mr. Yoder asked that it be at least 6 ft in height. Mr. Yoder also stated that it would have to be approved by the Council and by the time it got through the Council the fence should be up. After this discussion Lew Yoder made the motion to approve, with the stipulation that the fence was erected by the time Council approved the petition and it was seconded by Bruce Gavin, the motion unanimously passed.

The second petition to be considered was the petition for George Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell stated his desire was to offer Laurel a nice place to eat and drink. The menu was discussed and Mr. Blackwell stated it would be something simple. Hours of operation were also discussed, hours would be W-Sat, 5 pm to Mid-night. Mr. Dorris asked what the capacity of the building was and Mr. Blackwell stated about 60 people. After this discussion Lew Yoder made the motion to approve the petition and it was seconded by Bruce Gavin, the motion unanimously passed.

The final petition to be considered was the petition for Karen Bell. Greg Bell, husband, spoke about erecting a cabinet/beauty shop. Mr. Bell stated he had a shop in the county but would like to move the business to the city. Ms. Vincent asked what type of building would it be and the response is it would be a brick building. Mr. Gavin asked how many employees the response, 3 total. Mr. Dorris asked why did he want to move into the city the response was to make a bigger business and eventually to move the whole business to the city. Other things were discussed such as vacuum systems to dispose of the wood shavings. Also, how big the salon would be. There would only be one chair. After this discussion Bruce Gavin made the motion to approve the petition and it was seconded by Henry Dorris, the motion unanimously passed.

There being no other matters before the Commission the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Boone Vincent, Acting Chairman

Judy Denham, Planning and Zoning Coordinator/Secretary to the Commission

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