

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING

September 22, 2014

Present: Christine Gollnick, Warren Bartels, Dale Cook, Chad Penney, Chuck Hartshorn, Emma Everett, Betty Blount. Also present: Ben Wheeler, Larry and Cristy Brown.

Chris called the Public Hearing for a child care home at 512 S. Main Street to order at 7:02 p.m. at Reading City Hall. Cristy answered questions from the commission. She wants to do this again, getting a license. The age range for child care would be from about 18 months up to 12 years. The Department of Human Services provides the license. She would have one assistant. Chris closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 and reopened the regular meeting. Warren made a motion, seconded by Betty, to approve the request. In discussion, the commission had some concern about an attorney business already being at that address. This led to some discussion about permitted and special use permit procedures. Chuck also wondered about the impact from the Zoning Enabling Act on the community as a whole. On a roll call vote the motion carried 7-0.

There was some further discussion on the previous action. There was a question as to how tight we should be on permits. Members should also notify Ben if anyone sees something developing as to whether permits have been obtained. Example: signs downtown. Chris suggested bringing ideas about PR (possibly for a brochure) to the next meeting that would facilitate smooth transitions, what to do for changes, etc.

There were no minutes available from the July meeting.

Old Business: Sidewalk Committee—there was nothing new since our recommendations to City Council. We need to see if this is going anywhere.

Parking Committee—there was nothing new here. Ben reported that there have been no complaints about it at this time. There has also been no action by Council on the 2-6 a.m. restriction.

New Business: Ben shared that there has been a land division request at 406 N. Main Street. Referenced was Section 106 of the Land Division Ordinance. Discussion centered on the easement coming out of the 66 frontage feet lot. Would this really be a good idea for the city and for them? Warren made a motion, seconded by Betty, to approve the request for division of property at 406 N. Main Street into 4 designated lots as shown in the provided plan. Motion carried 5-2.

Compliance permits have been issued to:

1. Duncan's at 316 First St., for an enclosed front porch.
2. Daglow's at 316 Hill Street, for a storage building.
3. Girdham's at 250 West Lincoln Street, for a fence.
4. McLain's at 216 Cherry Street, for an addition to the barn.
5. Denied—Dietrich's at 421 Chestnut Street, not enough setbacks for a deck/ramp.

Next meeting: November 24th. Betty made a motion, seconded by Chad, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36. Motion carried 7-0.