

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOSSO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CITY OF OWOSSO
MAY 20, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Dvorak at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary, Marty Stinson.

MEMBERS PRESENT:, Michael Dvorak, Elizabeth Frasier, Randy Horton, and Dan Jozwiak.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John C.M. Davis

MINUTES:

It was moved by Board Member Jozwiak and supported by Board Member Frasier to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2008, as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

NAYS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2008-04
MR. OWOSSO CONTEST
102 S. WASHINGTON STREET
VACANT LOT OWNED BY THE CITY OF OWOSSO
AT SOUTHWEST CORNER OF W. MAIN ST. & S. WASHINGTON ST.
REQUESTED BY JEFF MCINTYRE
FOR MAY 23 & 24, 2008

A public hearing was conducted for a special use permit for Friday and Saturday, May 23 & 24, 2008 at the city owned lot at the southwest corner of S. Washington Street and W. Main Street, 102 S. Washington. John Archer, Zoning administrator, stated that this was a one time use for a specific event—to raise funds for a candidate for the Mr. Owosso contest for Curwood Festival. No calls were received by either John Archer or Brent Morgan either pro or con regarding this request.

Mr. Jeff McIntyre, Campaign Manager, explained that there would be a temporary jail structure for the candidate while they attempted to raise funds for his “bail”. There would also be sales of items such as T-shirts. They plan to set up a picket to “free” the candidate. They might also go to some of the local businesses in the area for support, or possibly to the Farmer’s Market on Saturday.

Mr. Archer stated that they would be restricted to the vacant lot; they can use the sidewalk, but could not block it. They could not set up tables on the sidewalk.

Mr. McIntyre stated that they would sign a hold harmless clause.

Mr. Archer stated that the jail would need to be out of the clear vision zone which is a 25 foot triangle at the corner of the lot. Discussion continued about a liability policy. Sarah Warren-Riley, Director of Shiawassee County Habitat for Humanity was in attendance and commented that they have a policy for all of their activities. She, Jeff McIntyre and John Archer will check with city clerk, Amy Kohagen, if that will be the appropriate coverage.

It was moved by Board Member Horton, with support from Board Member Jozwiak, to issue the conditional use permit with the following provisions: 1) there will be a clear vision zone of 25 feet at the corner of the lot, 2) that the sidewalk will not be blocked, 3) there will be a Hold Harmless Clause signed 4) a copy of the liability policy will be provided to the city.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

NAYS: None

HOMELESS COALITION

Duane Harris, of the First United Methodist Church and Heather Barta of the Christ Episcopal Church requested further consideration regarding zoning issues for the Homeless Coalition search for a drop in center.

Motion by Board Member Jozwiak with support by Board Member Frasier to amend the agenda for the discussion of the zoning issues with the Homeless Coalition.

Discussion followed. Mr. Archer reviewed the business and the office service zonings. Ms. Barta stated that the project is "ready to go" and they need more information regarding the zoning to keep the project on course. The Ministerial Association, SRVC, CMH, and the United Way are all participating in this process. Mr. Archer advised that OS-1, Office Service was the most conducive for this use. B-3 zoning if it was on the outskirts of the downtown could be a possibility, but would require rezoning.

Motion by Board Member Jozwiak supported by Board Member Horton to direct the Homeless Coalition to search for an appropriate structure in the OS-1 zoning district based on the general intent of personal services.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Board Member Jozwiak, supported by Board Member Horton to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

NAYS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Dan Jozwiak, Secretary