

Mayor Holloway called the joint public hearing to order on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present were: Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Emily Holloway, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth.

Planning Commission Members Present were: Mark Keeler, Kevin Campbell, Justin Neitzey, and Jen Smith.

Town Council Members Absent were: David Raynes

Planning Commission Members Absent were: Justin Morris, Rebecca Holloway, and David Bradley.

Other Town Officials Present were: Town Treasurer Rhonda Danner, Town Attorney Nathan Miller, Town Manager Nathan Garrison, and Police Chief John Painter.

Town Treasurer Rhonda Danner determined that a quorum was present for the Town Council and the Planning Commission.

Mayor Holloway stated that the reason for the joint public hearing is to hear citizens' comments regarding a request from Travis Lohr for short term rentals at 209 2nd Street, which is zoned R-1.

Chairman Neitzey stated no one was signed up to speak for the request and asked if anyone here tonight wanted to speak for the request.

Chairman Neitzey stated we have a few citizens signed up to speak against the request and first up is Tony Gordon.

Tony Gordon stated that he lives at 208 2nd Street and he stated that he feels the short term rental is nothing more than a hotel/ motel which would be a business. He said this property is zoned R-1 which is residential and he doesn't feel that a business should be located there. Mr. Gordon stated for a business the zoning would need to be changed and that would be spot zoning. He stated that he does not want a business located across from him. Chairman Neitzey thanked him for coming tonight.

Ronda Davis stated that she lives at 201 Cherry Avenue. She stated that her concern is more of a safety concern. She stated that there are several children in the neighborhood and it is scary to think that you will have people you don't know coming

in and out all the time to rent this property. Ms. Davis also stated that she is concerned about noise at night for people working the next morning.

Chairman Neitzey asked if the Planning Commission or Town Council had any questions. Mayor Holloway asked if the people making the request are here tonight. Mr. Lohr replied that he is here. Mayor Holloway stated that she wanted to make sure in case someone had questions that were directed to him. Councilman Mark Keeler stated that he has a comment. He stated that the short term rental is a Conditional Use in the R-1, R-2, and R-3 zonings and that it is a business therefore everyone that gets approved are required to get a business license, which has to be renewed on an annual basis. He stated that if the conditions are not met, then the license would not be renewed.

Mayor Holloway stated at this time she would turn the meeting over to Justin Neitzey, Chairman of the Planning Commission, for discussion and possible vote.

Chairman Neitzey asked if the Commission had any questions or comments regarding the short term rental or if they were ready to make a recommendation to Council.

Commission Member Mark Keeler made a motion to recommend the short term rental as a conditional use for Mr. Travis Lohr at 209 2nd Street. Commission Member Jen Smith seconded the motion. Commission Member Mark Keeler, Kevin Campbell, Jen Smith, voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Chairman Neitzey Adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Emily Holloway called the Meeting of the Grottoes Town Council to order on Monday, July 9, 2018 and welcomed guests. Town Treasurer Rhonda Danner called the roll. Members present were Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Emily Holloway, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth. Also present were Town Treasurer Rhonda Danner, Town Attorney Nathan Miller, Town Manager Nathan Garrison, and Police Chief John Painter.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to approve the minutes from the workshop and Town Council meetings held on June 11, 2018. Councilman Tim Leeth seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to amend the agenda for tonight to add the appointment of the Tourism and Parks Director under personnel. Councilman Mark Sterling seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of June 2018. Councilman Mark Sterling seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Councilwoman Marjorie Funk made a motion to pay the bills as of July 9, 2018 and the remaining bills from June totaling \$103,459.21. Councilman Mark Sterling seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

ORDINANCE, HEALTH AND PROPERTY

Councilman Mark Keeler moved to accept the recommendation from Planning Commission to approve the request for short term rental from Travis Lohr at 209 2nd Street, R-1. Councilman Tim Leeth seconded the motion. Councilman Tim Leeth stated that Mr. Lohr was a little late getting here tonight and asked that Town Manager Nathan Garrison meet with him to go over some of the concerns that were brought up tonight. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Councilman Tim Leeth announced the Friday Night Bluegrass at Mountain View Park starting at 7:00 pm. He also mentioned the Grottoes Cardinals games are still going on and the summer bash raffle will be held August 11th at Mountain View Park.

PERSONNEL, FIRE AND RESCUE

Councilman Tim Leeth made a motion to accept John Funk's resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua

Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

Town Manager Nathan Garrison stated that he and the personnel committee met and conducted interviews for the Tourism and Parks Director position and he is recommending to promote and hire Ashley Collier as the new Tourism and Parks Director. He stated that she currently works at Grand Caverns as the Assistant Director at the Caverns which is a part-time position and the new position would be a full-time position. Councilman Joshua Bailey made a motion to accept the Town Manager's recommendation. Councilman Mark Keeler seconded the motion. Council members Mark Keeler, Joshua Bailey, Mark Sterling, Marjorie Funk, and Tim Leeth voted in favor of the motion, motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

Elliot Diamond addressed the Council and stated that he owns three lots on 6th Street and many years ago when he purchased the lots he was a little confused. He stated that he thought it was basically a residential area but he now finds that according to zoning this is a business area. He stated that when he thought about it this was probably zoned when people had to walk to shops. He stated that there isn't parking for businesses along this street. He stated that the zoning is a little antiquated for the time. He stated that he is a builder and would like to put single family homes on these lots but how it is currently zoned, he cannot. He stated that he is requesting the council to consider rezoning this from B-1 to B-3. Mayor Holloway informed Mr. Diamond that the Council will pass this request to the Board of Zoning to look at how and if this could be rezoned. She stated that we did work years ago to try to eliminate spot zoning throughout and we would ask them to look at the whole area not just those three lots.

Mayor Holloway stated next up will be the Grand Caverns Krakens Swim Team. They stated that they just wanted to thank the Town for all of their support. She stated that this is their fourth season and their biggest season so far. She stated that several of the kids are here tonight and that they will introduce themselves and tell you what their favorite stroke is. She stated that they have become an independent team and started with 15 team members and now we have 41 team members so we continue to grow. She stated that one of the difficulties they face is they can't host meets. She stated that they are continuing to grow in the league but all of their meets are away

at pools that can host meets. She stated that one of their long term goals is to be able to host meets at the Grand Caverns Pool and hopefully bring more business into that pool area. She stated that they have been doing a lot of fundraising to get money in the bank and now they are able to purchase a set of lane lines. She stated that there is another team that doesn't host meets because they don't have enough parental support she stated that you can see here tonight that is not a problem and wants to work towards being able to host meets at Grand Caverns. She stated that they have Kraken t-shirts for the Council just as a thank you. Mayor Holloway thanked them for coming.

With no further business to discuss Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting.