

Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The City of Salem Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday May 10, 2011 in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. Vice-Chairman Jim Milano called the meeting to order in the presence of Planning Commission members Neil Chance, Jo Stallings, Kathy Matthews and Harold Hunzicker. Also present was Assistant to the City Manager, Bev West and Recording Secretary, Annette Brushwitz.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting were presented for action. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by board member Neil Chance; board member Kathy Matthews made a second to that motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Neil Chance, Jim Milano, Jo Stallings, Harold Hunzicker and Kathy Matthews. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

Petition:

Special Use Permit - Phil & Jody Richards, 3039 luka Rd., luka, IL are petitioning the Planning Commission for a Special Use – Temporary Use Permit to conduct BBQ and food sales from a mobile unit on an empty lot identified as 1516 W. Main St., Salem, IL. The petitioners intend to conduct business between May 10, 2011 and May 10, 2012 on Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Richards approached the board and stated that this is the same permit that was applied for and approved last year they are moving to a new location this year. Richards stated they are moving from the old Wal Mart parking lot now ATV's and More and moving to 1516 W. Main the vacant lot that was Salem Hardware. Mrs. Richards stated that they have incorporated their business this year and have hired an accountant to handle their paper work. The Richards' have also purchased a much larger more enclosed cooking trailer and this should help cut down on flies. There will be a picnic area for customers to sit and eat if they so choose. Mr. Richards stated that the hours posted are the maximum hours that they will be open but they not be open all of the hours listed every week.

Board members asked the Richards' what type of food would be served. Mrs. Richards responded ribs, pulled pork, beef tips, chicken and possibly a fish fry on Friday night and possibly some corn on the cob this year.

Assistant to the City Manager Bev West read the Findings and Facts into the minutes stating that the proposed Special Use would have no adverse affect on the current Comprehensive Plan. West further stated that she received no comments from any of the surrounding property owners.

With no additional discussion board member Neil Chance made a motion to approve the petition as submitted. Board member Jo Stallings made a second to that motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Chance, Matthews, Hunzicker, Milano and Stallings. NAYES: none. Motion carried.

New Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss board member Neil Chance made a motion to dismiss the meeting. Kathy Matthews seconded the motion with all board members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Annette Brushwitz
Recording Secretary