

**Town of Thompson's Station
Board of Zoning Appeals
Minutes of the Special Called Meeting
Held on November 20, 2006**

Board Members Present

Dale Stevens, Vice-Chairman
Millie Halvorsan
Martha Irwin, Secretary
George Ross

Staff Members Present

Greg Langeliers, Town Administrator
Doug Goetsch, Town Recorder
Larry Craig, Town Attorney
Lisa Stewart, Town Clerk

Chairman Archie Buttrey was unable to attend, so Vice-Chairman Stevens called to order the special called meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals at 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson's Station Community Center. This meeting was advertised in the November 5, 2006 edition of the *Williamson AM* newspaper, and adjacent property owners had been notified.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 21, 2005 meeting were previously submitted and approved upon a motion by Ms. Irwin, seconded by Mrs. Halvorsan; and passed unanimously.

Conditional Use / Special Exception – Communications Tower Request by Williamson County Department of Emergency Communications to be located on Columbia Highway, parcel 14.03 on map 153.

Mr. Stevens opened the public hearing.

Mr. Ross asked if a fee of some sort will be paid to H.B. & T.S. Utility District for the use of their property.

Bill Jorgensen, the applicant and director of the Williamson County Department of Emergency Communications, responded that a fee is not being required from H.B. & T.S. Utility District. He explained that the plan is to build an emergency response platform for the future, but it will initially eliminate some of the communication problems throughout the County so that his department and first responders can communicate with each other. This will be one (1) of seven (7) towers going up around the County. The 180 foot tower will not require lights and will provide service for government and safety. There will also be a communications building and a generator on the site.

Mrs. Halvorsan asked if there is a chance of interference between the proposed tower and the frequencies of the existing tower that serves cellular phones. Mr. Jorgensen stated that there should not be any problems, adding that he has been in contact with the owner of the adjoining property and the managing company of the existing tower to confirm that there were no restrictions in their lease agreements regarding another tower. Mr. Jorgensen stated that should there be any interference problems, they will be addressed accordingly.

Mary Khim, of 2701 Brenda Street in Pecan Hills subdivision, made a complaint regarding the agenda, stating that the average citizen would have trouble determining the location of map 153, parcel 14.03; adding that it should be more descriptive.

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There being no others wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Ross made a motion to approve the request for the communication tower. Ms. Irwin seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Langeliers referenced the last public comment, noting that a public hearing sign was posted at the proposed site; and Mr. Craig added that the publication in the newspaper details the location to be 'on a hilltop property located to the north of the Heritage School Campus and south of the Thompson's Station Park'.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m.

Archie Buttrey, Chairman

Attest:

Martha Irwin, Secretary

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