

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE
NEOGA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND PLANNING
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, NEOGA MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 13, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning was held October 13, 2008 at the Neoga Community building. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Ehrhart at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were Bill Ehrhart, Brad Thomas, Rex Lindley, Robert Schwindt, Joe Briggerman, and Building Inspector Gary Kastl.

MINUTES

Rex Lindley made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Brad Thomas. Ayes, Ehrhart, Thomas, Schwindt, Briggerman, and Lindley. Nays, none. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Building Inspector Gary Kastl informed the Zoning Board that he has received an animated sign request from Ken Walk for the Walk Professional Building. Kastl explained that our sign ordinance does not allow for animated signs and with the new technology, the Zoning Board should review its requirements. Building Inspector Kastl reviewed with the Board the Mattoon sign ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, Lindley made a motion to send the following changes to the City Council;

Change #1. Currently reads:

ELECTRIC MESSAGE BOARD. A sign with a maximum area of 150 square feet per side on which the copy or display of information or objects changes electronically, automatically or mechanically. The display on the sign shall be limited to public service information or advertising for business(es) located on the same property as the sign. The display of information shall be presented in a reasonable fashion and shall not flash in a manner to attract attention. The use of movements or change in lighting to depict animation, or a moving scene shall be limited to such displays that take at least two seconds to complete. Individual movements or action within a display shall not occur more rapidly than at a rate of 2 ½ times per second (e.g., a ball bouncing, a wheel turning, a hand waving or an eye winking). The ease of flashing, blinking or pulsation lights to be depict sudden or intense actions such as explosions, moving borders or other like actions shall be prohibited. The administrative official shall determine if the display complies with the regulations.

Change to:

ELECTRIC MESSAGE BOARD. A sign with a maximum area of 160 square feet per side on which the copy or display of information or objects changes electronically, automatically or mechanically. The display on the sign shall be limited to public service information or advertising for business(es) located on the same property as the sign. The use of movements or change in lighting to depict animation, or a moving scene shall be limited to such displays that take at least two seconds to complete. Individual

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Change #2: Add to section 160.06

(D) lighted signs shall be turned off between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.

(E) If the business is open 24 hours than the electric message board can be illuminated during the hours of operations.

The motion was seconded by Robert Schwindt. Ayes, Ehrhart, Thomas, Schwindt, Briggerman, and Lindley. Nays, none. Motion Carried. 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

President Bill Ehrhart declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Bill Swank, Secretary

Date