

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AND PUBLIC HEARING
March 6, 2019**

Chairman Josh Gunselman called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Josh Gunselman, Chairman	-Present	Anthony Seng	-Present
Dan Buck, Vice Chairman	-Present	Darla Blazey, Director of C.D./Planning	-Present
Matt Schaick, Secretary	-Present	Renee Kabrick, City Attorney	-Present
Randy Mehringer	-Present		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the February 6, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Randy Mehringer made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. Anthony Seng seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

STATEMENT

Chairman Josh Gunselman read the following statement. “We are now ready to begin the public hearing scheduled for this evening. With respect to tonight’s meeting and public hearings, we are hereby incorporating by reference into the record of tonight’s meeting and public hearings, City of Jasper Ordinance Number 2016-30, entitled “Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana and its jurisdictional area” and any and all amendments thereto, and the City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan. Pursuant to Article V, Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the BZA rules of procedure, presentation by a Petitioner shall be limited to 15 minutes. The Call for remonstrators shall be limited to 20 minutes; with individuals limited to no more than 5 minutes at the Chairman’s discretion. Such time limits may be increased by a majority vote of the board members present.”

NEW BUSINESS

Petition of Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust for a variance from the City of Jasper’s Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30 Chapter 8 Section 8.7 Standards for Business (Except B2), Industrial and Conservation Park Districts Subsection C.1. Building Signs to exceed maximum square footage

Leticia Martinez, of Harrison French & Associates, was present on behalf of Walmart to request a variance for additional signage at its location at 4040 Newton Street. Ms. Martinez explained that the company is going through a sign phasing change. The total square footage is currently 238.82 square feet. The proposal would increase the total to 273.28 square feet. The signage would change from 3 front signs and 5 auto signs to 7 front signs and 5 auto signs. The existing Wal-Mart sign would actually decrease in size. Other changes include replacing the Market sign to Grocery and adding a pick-up spark sign, a Vision Center sign and a Lawn and

Garden sign. The auto signs are directional signs with the company's logo. The purpose of the sign addition is to advertise the services Wal-Mart provides within the building.

Discussion followed. With no remonstrators present, Anthony Seng made a motion to close the public hearing. Secretary Matt Schaick seconded it. Motion carried 5-0. Anthony Seng then made a motion to grant a variance as presented, to allow an additional 34.46 square feet of signage. Randy Mehringer seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Impact Jasper Comprehensive Plan update

Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey gave an update on the Impact Jasper Comprehensive Plan. Committee members met Tuesday, March 5, to continue discussion on the plan. Ms. Blazey shared with the board that there will be an open house workshop on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at The Parklands from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and welcomed everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Vice Chairman Dan Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Matt Schaick. The motion passed 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Josh Gunselman, Chairman

Matt Schaick, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Kathy Pfister