



City of Granite City

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MINUTES GRAPHIC REVIEW BOARD February 7, 2019

Chairman, John Janek called the meeting of the Graphic Review Board to order on Thursday, February 07, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE, SWEAR-IN & COMMENTS

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the sole Petitioner was sworn in. Following the welcoming remarks, the Chair stated the Graphic Review Board is a recommending body to the City Council and the Council will make a final determination at their next meeting scheduled on February 19, 2019.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: John Janek, Sharon Ryan, Sam Akeman and Ritch Alexander. Also present were: Zoning Administrator Steve Willaredt, Attorney Derek Filcoff, Aldermen Tim Elliott and Dan McDowell.

Steve Willaredt announced that Martha Burich has moved outside Granite City and has resigned from the Board of Appeals effective February 7, 2019.

MINUTES & AGENDA

A motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting June 7, 2018 and this evening's agenda was made by Sharon Ryan and seconded by Sam Akeman. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PETITIONER: Auto Spa Etc
P & H Service Inc.-Phil Hurlbut
1521 Johnson Rd**

The Chair introduced the Petitioner's request to review the Sign Ordinance and allow a non-conforming eight (8) feet x nine (9) feet monument sign containing a 22.43 sq. ft. LED message board in a District Zoned C-5.

Garrett Newhouse of Ziglin Signs addressed the Board of Appeals regarding the 22 sq ft LED board. Phil Hurlbut, the new owner was also in attendance and Mr. Newhouse stated that they had discussed shutting the board off at 10 p.m. and would be willing to work with the council regarding light from the LED board.



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Sam Akeman asked if they would be using the existing base or constructing a different one. Mr. Newhouse stated they would be using the existing base.

Sharon Ryan questioned the size of the proposed sign and how much it would exceed the Ordinance. Steve Willaredt stated it is 1 ft higher than the Sign Ordinance allows. He asked Mr. Newhouse about the design and he stated that the base sits very low to the ground and so they were adding a space between the base and sign that says Granite City and a header with the business name.

Dan McDowell asked which way the sign would face. Mr. Newhouse confirmed it would stay in the same position. (Perpendicular to the street) Alderman McDowell asked why they needed that size sign. Mr. Newhouse explained that for the messages and images to be clear on the LED EMC the display would need to be this larger, if they are too small it is ineffective. Alderman McDowell asked if they could possibly display emergency or event messages to the public if needed. Such as Boil Orders etc... Phil Hurlbut explained that he uses the LED signs at other locations to do displays when asked and that he can post Amber Alerts and Weather emergencies as well.

Sam Akeman asked if there would be any limitations, such as color. Steve Willaredt explained that full color and setback would be fine. Steve Willaredt went over all restrictions and explained the reason this hearing was necessary was due to sign within 500 feet of residential property and Mr. Hurlbut affirmed that the sign would be turned off at 10 p.m.

Alderman Elliott expressed his concerns regarding the height of the sign. Steve Willaredt explained that the square footage will be approx the same, just taller and thinner.

**MOTION by Sharon Ryan, second by Sam Akeman to approve the petition and allow a non-conforming eight (8) feet x seven (9) feet sign containing a 22.43 sq ft LED message board located at 1521 Johnson Rd in a District Zoned C-5
All ayes Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL:

**John Janek Yes
Sharon Ryan Yes**

**Sam Akeman Yes
Ritch Alexander Yes**



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NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION to adjourn by Sharon Ryan second by Sam Akeman. Voice vote. All ayes.

**Respectfully submitted,
Melanye Weinoffer
Secretary,
Graphic Review Board**



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GRAPHIC REVIEW BOARD ADVISORY REPORT **Date of Hearing February 7, 2019**

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ROLL CALL:

John Janek Yes
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Sam Akeman Yes
Ritch Alexander Yes

*****end of Advisory Report*****