

PLANNING & ZONING
PUBLIC HEARING
November 5, 2008
7:30pm

Wilbur Skornia called meeting to order at 2:00pm.

Roll Call: Craig McCormick, Tommie Lowe, Annette Justus, Wilbur Skornia, Rich Johnson, John Neff

Visitors: Tom Justus, Ryan Angell, Otis Schulte, Dave Luechtefeld

Public Hearing on "International Building Codes" (IBC). These codes are to be adopted by the Planning and Zoning Board and goes into effect on January 1, 2009. First order of business brought up was the Burn Notice. This is not a cost to the city or citizens and John Neff, Planning and Zoning Administrator, will not charge for inspections.

It is noted that Mayor Otis Schulte, seriously questioned the Burn Notice. Mr. Neff explained to the Mayor that most of the time that brush burning and trash burning becomes judgment calls. These are based on where the brush and/or trash is located, how big the piles are, etc.

Burn Notice-causes awareness, and eliminates problems. When citizens of Gerald apply and receive their Burn Notice for a certain length of days, a copy is faxed to the police station, so that if a call does come in, they know the citizen has a permit, police does a drive by, and can notify fire department that the said fire is under control or not.

Ryan Angell was concerned with the new permit fees. He was worried that they may be to high and this would discourage people from building in the Gerald area.

Wilbur Skornia, John Neff and Tommie Lowe, explained that the cost was in line with other communities in the area. That a \$10,000.00 addition would only cost the homeowner a total of \$65.00. Tommie Lowe also explained, that the example on the back of the pamphlet was the cost for a \$250,000.00 home.

After discussion, Mayor Schulte said that he had no problem with the fees or the building codes.

Tommie Lowe received information regarding the Business License fee, and reported the following:

New Haven & Sullivan \$25.00

Union \$30.00

Pacific, St. Clair \$50.00

Washington \$60.00

Dave Luechtefeld asked about the Church being reconverted to apartments. Wilbur Skornia explained that this was a **dead issue** with Planning and Zoning and is out of P&Z hands.

Mr. Luechtefeld was told that Dan Maxwell needs to file papers over, pay fees.

Wilbur Skornia and John Neff will have "STOP ORDER" issued to MFA on, Thursday, November 6, 2008, for violation of building with no permits.

Wilbur Skornia adjourned meeting, Tommie Lowe 2nd, at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,