

MINUTES
PLANNING AND ZONING PUBLIC HEARING
ELCTRO SIGNS & DESIGN / HEATHER CHAVERS
MAY 23, 2019 – 5:00 PM – COOK CITY HALL

PRESENT: Chairman Rich Holm, Members Elizabeth Storm, Harold Johnston, Ron Bushbaum, and David Danz

ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Chavers, Jeff Hunt, Jeff Chauklin, Keith Aho, Vickie Schelde, Devin Ziertman, Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer Theresa Martinson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Beaudry and Office Assistant Dawn Kehoe.

Chairman Rich Holm called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

1. To hear evidence in considering granting 51 sq. ft. 3 inch variance to Electro Signs & Design for the purpose of: an illuminated sign on building at: 119 Hwy 53 N., Cook, MN 55723 (Dollar General store).

Proposed Variance requested from Ordinance No. 901.14 – Signs; Subdivision 5A Section B. Permit Requirements for Signs along Trunk Hwy 53 Corridor as listed:

- Such signs shall be no more than one hundred twenty square feet in area when not illuminated, or eighty square feet when illuminated. Increase from 80 sq. ft. to 132'9". Requesting a 51 sq. ft. 3 inch variance.

Discussion:

Chairman Holm asked if signage requirements are the same whether on a building or a pole. Martinson stated that they are different; there are also different regulations for illuminated & non-illuminated signs. The city will be re-looking at its sign ordinances in the near future. Administrator Martinson thanked Electro Sign representative Devin Ziertman for being present for the meeting.

Motion by Danz, second by Bushbaum to recommend to the City Council that the variance be granted to Electro Signs & Design. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. To hear evidence in considering granting a Conditional Use Permit and Rezone; to Heather Chavers for the purpose of: Building a 64' x 45' Storage building (x2), contingent on Rezone from SR-1 to C-1 at parcels 120-0040-00070 and 120-0040-00090.

Proposed Conditional Use Permit and Rezone requested from: Ordinance No. 901.11 – Suburban Residence District to Ordinance No. 901.09 General Business District as listed:

- The proposed land use request does not conform to Principle Permitted Uses nor Conditional Uses in an SR-1 district. More conforming in the C-1 zone district.

Discussion:

Ms. Chavers stated that the aforementioned storage buildings are for personal garage/storage. They will not be for commercial use. She also stated that their driveway will be off of Ashawa Road (Highway 115). Neighboring landowner, Keith Aho, asked if there is any activity planned for the parcel directly next to his. Ms. Chavers said that there was not. Vickie Schelde added that with the current zoning, no one is going to put a house there and Administrator Martinson stated that the City of Cook does not want to spot zone.

Motion by Storm, second by Danz to recommend to the City Council to approve the Conditional Use Permit and Rezone for Heather Chavers. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Beaudry
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer