

ALTON PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 26, 2010 – 1:15 p.m.
(As unapproved by the Plan Commission)

PRESENT: Mark Hackworth (Chairman), Joe Blair, Barry Clayton, Sam Gomer, Terry Dooley, Gary Doerr

ABSENT: John Rain, Bill Stoutenborough, Chris Schuneman, John Callander

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Waggoner (Building Code Inspector), Jim Schrempf (Corporation Counselor), and Michelle Heinold (Secretary)

Chairman Hackworth called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken with 6 present and 4 absent. Motion was made by Terry Dooley and seconded by Barry Clayton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2009, at 1:15 p.m. Vote was 6 – 0 in favor.

Jim Schrempf explained the public hearing procedures.

Jacqueline Spiker petitioned for a special use permit on the property at 299 E. Elm. She stated the following:

- Was granted a special use permit for two years in September, 2008.
- On October 15, 2008 had 23 clients; now has 327 clients with 8 employees making above minimum wage.
- Usually has 32 in day care.
- Grooming and boarding facilities.
- Renting now but would like to buy.
- She is a member of the Alton Dog Park Task Force, active in the community.
- Has clients from as far away as Arnold, Missouri; Festus; and the St Louis area.
- Fox 2 News has “Best of St Louis” and Club Paws has been nominated and is in first place.

No questions from the Plan Commission.

One in audience in favor was Leo Cox with American Legion post (across the street from Club Paws).

Doug Waggoner’s memorandum, see attached, was discussed. Mr. Waggoner stated the city has received no complaints on Club Paws. Ms Spiker stated possibly in one year building an addition on the lot to the west she is trying to obtain. Mr. Waggoner explained permits required, etc, but the lot is zoned C-2 so should be no problem. Ms Spiker stated she wants to buy the lot to also blacktop for parking.

Mr. Waggoner explained the original special use permit had an attachment with 6 conditions:

- 1) The term of the special use permit shall be for a period not to exceed two years.
- 2) The premises shall house no more than 75 animals, total, at any given time.
- 3) Animals allowed on the premises shall be limited to dogs, cats and small mammals. No birds or reptiles shall be allowed on the premises.
- 4) No animals shall be allowed outside between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Nor more than four animals, limited to only dogs, shall be allowed outside between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- 5) No new structures or additions to the existing structure, whether mobile, temporary or permanent, shall be placed or constructed upon the premises if said structure or addition is for the use and/or care of animals.
- 6) The care of the animals and daily maintenance of the premises shall be done in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and in accordance with the standard operating practices of this type of facility.

After much discussion, the commission voted to:

- Delete 1) and 5)
- Change 2) to 120 animals.
- Leave 3)
- Change 4) to hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. And delete last sentence.
- Leave 6)

Motion was made by Joe Blair and seconded by Terry Dooley for a special use permit on the property identified by permanent parcel number 23-2-07-01-13-301-016, Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian, also known as 299 E. Elm Alton, Illinois, to operate a pet care facility with above conditions.

Vote was 6 to 0 in favor

attachment

Adjourned 1:35 p.m.