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**VILLAGE OF MAHOMET
STUDY SESSION
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

The Village of Mahomet Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday October 13, 2015 at the Village of Mahomet Administrative Offices, 503 E. Main St., Mahomet, IL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Colravy, Vicki Cook, Andy Harpst, Donald Lynn, Bill Oliger, and Brian Metzger

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting Village President Sean Widener, Village Administrator Patrick Brown, Village Clerk Cheryl Sproul, Community Development Director/Planner Kelly Pfeifer, Village Attorney Jim Evans, Mahomet Citizen Editor Amelia Benner, Chief of Police Mike Metzler, and Don Adams.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Acting President Widener called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Upon Roll Call, a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTION , OTHER MOTIONS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS SANGAMON SCHOOL, 601 E. MAIN ST., VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, IL FROM R3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL:

Pfeifer stated due to a heavy workload she will have more items on next week's agenda.

She stated the PZC met last week to address this request. She stated there is not an established user or orientation of lots. She stated this zoning change would allow the school to market the property.

Widener stated there was no opposition from PZC. He stated as we progress through the rezoning in this corridor he suggested attention would have to be paid as to how requests would impact the surrounding area. The school needs to understand that there will be questions from the Village concerning the impact to and on existing properties. Cook stated she had been asked several times why do they not keep Sangamon for Admin and use the new school for class rooms. She directed them to ask that question to the School Board.

Widener stated there are some requests that could be an issue in the future.

Lynn moved, Harpst seconded, "TO PLACE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS SANGAMON SCHOOL, 601 E. MAIN ST., VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, IL FROM R3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 27, 2015 BOARD MEETING."
ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR 108 S. LOMBARD ST., VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, IL FROM R3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL:

Pfeifer stated this property was directly east of Sangamon School. She stated the new owner is hoping to replat the properties as one. She stated a rezoning would be needed in order to do so. She added the replat would make the area much more developable as one lot. Widener agreed the rezoning would be more appropriate for that area.

Pfeifer added the applicant also owned the adjacent properties.

She noted this property would be required to meet the Storm Water Management Ordinance and the applicant was prepared to do so on the current land that he owns.

Brown stated it would add to commercial development. Pfeifer stated Staff and PZC recommended approval.

Harpst moved, Metzger seconded, "TO PLACE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS SANGAMON SCHOOL, 601 E. MAIN ST., VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, IL FROM R3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 27, 2015 BOARD MEETING."
ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR A 13+ ACRE PRAIRIE CROSSING FOURTH SUBDIVISION GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF PRAIRIEVIEW ROAD AND SOUTH OF QUAIL RUN SUBDIVISION, VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, IL.

Pfeifer reviewed the location of the property and stated the development would be in compliance with current ordinance.

Pfeifer stated Sangamon Valley Public Water District had signed off on this request. She reviewed the requested waivers and stated the applicant's Engineer was present to answer any questions.

She stated the Plan and Zoning Commission recommended granting both waivers and approval of the Preliminary Plat.

Metzger stated if the zoning had been R1 there would not be such an increase in traffic. Pfeifer stated the lots are larger than a typical RU lot and that this arrangement of lots were better than the original Area General Plan.

Colravy moved, Lynn seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR A 13+ ACRE PRAIRIE CROSSING FOURTH SUBDIVISION GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF PRAIRIEVIEW ROAD AND SOUTH OF QUAIL RUN SUBDIVISION, VILLAGE OF MAHOMET, IL ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 27, 2015 BOARD AGENDA."
ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

MONTHLY REPORTS:

WATER/WASTEWATER:

Brown stated the contractor was now working on the individual service lines on Main Street.

TRANSPORTATION

Brown stated there had been no problems with Leaf Collection but Limb Collection took a little longer than it should have but that this was normal for this time of year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Widener stated the next Study Session would be held, Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and the Board of Trustees meeting would be held Tuesday October 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. He noted that Trick or Treat would be Saturday, October 31, 2015 6-8.

Widener stated he had written down his thoughts about Video Gaming. He stated this issue had been addressed some time ago and he believed it was left unanswered.

Widener asked the trustees to separate their emotions and bring this issue to a close.

He stated he had discussed this with the Trustees individually and believed there were three options:

1. Put the question to allow it or not allow to the Board.
2. Have it as a non-binding referendum on the next election.
3. Do nothing and uphold current ban.

He stated he believed #3 was not an option and the remaining options would address the issue once and for all.

He stated a non-binding referendum would allow the public to voice their opinion, but could be a bumpy road for the Board and the Community.

He suggested the Trustees explore the advantages and disadvantages and make the best decision for the entire community not just one portion of it.

He requested a straw poll. He stated this vote would be purely administrative and give direction to staff on where to go from here.

He asked the Board to vote on the following question. Does the board feel that we need to bring closure to this issue so that we can consider options to a vote of non-binding referendum?

He stated a No vote would accept the current ban and a yes vote would bring it back for further discussion.

Colravy asked for clarification.

Attorney Evans stated it was never tabled so the Board would have a clean slate to start discussion again at any time.

Evans asked Widener if he wanted a yes/no or showing of hands.

Cook stated she read the letter from the business owner and does want to support the businesses of our community but stated there had also been a full house of opposition when it was discussed the last time. She stated if you look at history, the alcohol issue was discussed and approved as long as food was involved and it passed that way to keep taverns off Main Street because that's what the town wanted.

She stated she was afraid if the gaming were added the businesses would lose businesses because people voiced that they would stop patronizing businesses with gaming machines. She stated she was also concerned with signage, as she has seen ugly signs advertising video gaming. She hoped the sign ordinance would be enforced.

Cook added that she believed the Board should attention to the people who took the time and came here and looked at the Board face to face to voice their opinion.

Widener stated for everyone that came to the meeting there were an equal number for did not come that are in favor of it.

Harpst stated just the people came out in support of leaf burning, but that vote came out different.

Harpst stated the businesses want the freedom choose whether or not to include the machines at their business.

Widener the reason he is bringing it up is that nothing is happening and he believes the Board owes it to the community to make a decision and there had not been a public opinion of the Board.

Brown stated a request came from a local business owner because a business reopened recently that is in the county that is in direct competition with his, who is located outside the Village limits and would be adding video gaming machines to their business. He stated gaming was available just outside the Village limits and this property cannot be annexed because it is currently offering video gaming.

Oliger stated if you want to gamble you can gamble at home.

Widener stated the vote to ban was the first step and it was intended this issue would be reconsidered in the future.

Cook asked the benefits of the other options. Widener stated the issue could be voted up or down and finalize the issue or proceed with a non-binding referendum to get a better idea of public opinion. Widener stated a non-binding referendum would delay the decision.

Evans stated a straw poll would direct staff to put it on the agenda for further consideration.

Evans added the result of a non-binding referendum may influence the Trustees vote but that the Trustees also had the right to vote against the outcome of the referendum. He stated that was what was meant by non-binding.

Widener stated things have changed and now there was a full board and it is time to settle it and bring it to a close.

The trustees discussed the impact of a non-binding referendum.

Harpst stated in controversial issues you will get more reaction from those opposed and he would like the freedom of choice to have it or not.

After a straw poll showing 5-1 in favor of placing it on an agenda and discussing it again and bringing it to a vote, Evans asked if the Board wanted staff to replicate the Ordinance that had been drawn up previously. Staff was directed to place this issue on a Study Session when their work load allowed.

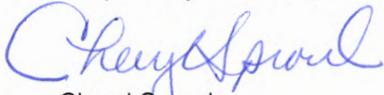
NEW BUSINESS:

Lynn asked Pfeifer what property was for sale in Hunter's Ridge. He wondered if it was the lake or some other property. Pfeifer stated there was more property available for sale in the Hunter's Ridge area and that it was not the lake that was for sale.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Cook moved, Lynn seconded, "TO ADJOURN AT 7:00 P.M." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Sproul
Village Clerk