

Russellville Planning Commission Minutes
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
February 5, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

The Russellville Planning Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Russellville City Hall Council Chambers.

Members Present

Vice-Chair Frank Russenberger
Secretary Nathan Barber
Steve Hubbard
Council Liaison Larry Brown

John Whiteside
Don Jacimore

Members Absent

Chairman Wendell Miller
Shirley Hatley
Karen Yarbrough
Luke Duffield

Also present: Mayor Randy Horton, City Engineer Kurt Jones, A.J. Walsh, City Attorney Trey Smith, Jim Lynch/City Corp, Charlie Smith, Brian Smith, and Planning Assistant Lequitta Jones and A.J. Walsh.

Welcome

The First Order of Business was a public hearing requesting review and a recommendation of approval for a special use permit to operate a wholesale supplier for feed and seed products, provide retail sales for feed, seed, and other miscellaneous farm, and agriculture related products for property located at 3903 South Arkansas. Submitted by Charlie Smith (SP.18.01.158)

City Engineer Jones said this special use permit is required because of the permitted use table in our zoning code that list seed and warehousing uses as a special use permit in a C-2 zoning. The staff's recommendation is approval on the condition there's no material stored outside the building itself.

Mr. Charlie Smith said he had been in the seed business for 44 years. I've had River City Seed in North Little Rock for 18 years. I would like to bring our company to Russellville on Hwy 7 South. It will be named River Valley Seed and Feed Incorporated. I am a wholesale distributor servicing wholesale dealers in the State of Arkansas and well as Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. We have customers here in town. We do garden seed, pasture grasses, clovers, deer mixes, and special mixes for pipeline construction. The question on the storage outside would be like a storage unit outside where the material wouldn't be exposed.

City Engineer Jones said our intent was to not allow any bulk material outside.

Commissioner Hubbard said he didn't see this would have a negative impact on anything. I would like to see it grow and generate some revenue for us.

Commissioner Russenberger opened the meeting up to the public.

Ron Knost spoke in favor of the business coming to Russellville. He said he went to Little Rock to buy seed and feed from them for deer. They have the very best fall seed mix for deer hunting that you can buy.

Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve subject to no bulk material outside. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whiteside and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Vice Chairman Russenberger