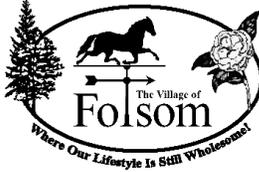


Village of Folsom
Mayor - Bettye M. Boggs

Commissioner, John Ehrlich
Commissioner, DeAnna Mingo
Commissioner, Mark Nowe
Commissioner, Francie Stirling



Alderwoman, Paulette Lee
Alderwoman - Jill Mathies
Alderman - Lance Willie
Village Attorney - Delbert Talley
Municipal Clerk - Andree Core
Planning & Zoning Clerk - Diane Sanders

Public Hearing
May 10, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman John Ehrlich and quorum established by Clerk Diane Sanders. The invocation and pledge was led by Commissioner DeAnna Mingo.

Present: Acting Chairman John Ehrlich
Commissioner DeAnna Mingo
Commissioner Francie Stirling

Absent: Commissioner Mark Nowe

Also Present: Diane Sanders, Secretary

New Business:

Item No. 1—Request for Re-Zoning of Lots 8, 7, and 5 from C1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to M1 (Light Commercial) located West ½ of Section 10, Township 5 South, Range 10 East, St. Tammany Parish. Petitioner: Angelika Henderson.

Commissioner Ehrlich asked the petitioners to make a presentation. Attorney Pierre Livaudais stated he was here on behalf of Ms. Henderson who is seeking the zoning change from C1 Neighborhood Commercial to M1 Light Industrial and that it falls well within the stated purposes of Light Industrial. He indicated it will be a processing plant with cold storage, warehousing, wholesale, and distribution and that all these are permitted uses within the Light Industrial area. He noted another requirement is that it has to be minimum cost to local government and this will not cost the government anything, stating that it will be a project that they are completely financing on their own without any government help or request from the Village of Folsom. Atty. Livaudais continued stating that when they met with the mayor it was agreed that they would be putting in a water meter so that it will be in compliance with the ordinance. Atty. Livaudais asked that this consideration be taken and a favorable treatment be given.

Ms. Henderson introduced her family and stated she has grown up in the area and her family has been residents for 30 years. She stated their goal is to bring a great business to Folsom, and indicated that her cousin has been brewing beer for about 17 years. Ms. Henderson asked her cousin Kilian Fries to give a further explanation of the plans of the microbrewery.

Mr. Fries stated he is a manager in charge of a brewery in Venezuela, South America and has been developing this brewery for 17 years. He stated their idea is to establish and bring an ideal microbrewery to Folsom. Mr. Fries indicated his passionate about making beer and the art of it. He said he envisions the brewery as a great and beautiful experience for the people of Folsom and for people to visit. He addressed people working in the brewery will come from Folsom and that they will develop direct and indirect labor for the area. Mr. Fries stated that they will have people from Folsom working in the brewery, not just direct labor but indirect labor. Atty. Livaudais added that they will have a tasting room and it will be a nice experience for Folsom and put Folsom on the map.

Rev. Wendell Sams asked what percentage of workers will be from Folsom and how Folsom would benefit financially. Ms. Henderson answered stating that they will be encouraging people inside the Village to be a part of this and they are currently using local people such as a local realtor and a local business for the clearing of the land. She stated that they are encouraging locals to be a part of the business. A discussion followed on the economic impact to other businesses in the area and also regarding the prospective size of the business. When asked about the size of the building, Ms. Henderson stated that it is planned to be 15,000 square feet having one story. When asked about the noise level, it was reported that it is very low as there are microbreweries that are actually located inside office buildings with other businesses.

After further discussion on the benefits to the village, Commissioner Francie Stirling commented stating that it sounds like an incredible opportunity for the village and she is very excited about it.

After no further discussion, acting Chairman John Ehrlich asked for motion to close Public Hearing. A motion to close the Public Hearing made by Commissioner Stirling and seconded by Commissioner Mingo, (2) *Yeas* (0) *Nays*. The motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

John Ehrlich, Acting Chairman

I attest that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes taken at the Public Hearing held on May 10, 2016.

Attest:

Diane Sanders
Planning and Zoning Clerk