

Town of Griffith
Board of Zoning Appeals
November 21, 2022

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Chairman John Mowery with all members present, Carl Kus, Theresa Rivas, Tom Wichlinski, and Jason Nolasco. Also present was Attorney; Bob Schwerd, Town Council Liaison; Larry Ballah, and Building Commissioner; Steve McDermott.

The minutes from the October 17, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 Midwest Motor LLC; 510 E Ridge Rd., Public Hearing for a Use Variance to sell used cars. Mr. Mowery asked Attorney Schwerd if all items were in order for the public hearing, to which Mr. Schwerd agreed they were. Mr. Wael Alzoubi appeared before the board. Mr. Alzoubi stated he is the property owner and that it currently is running as a tire and mechanic shop, but that they would like to add used car sales. Mr. Alzoubi showed the board members images of his proposed plan to renovate the building. Mr. Wichlinski asked if they intended to keep the fence that was shown in the images and about the addition he intends to build. Mr. Alzoubi stated they will be moving the fence and the addition is an additional 2,500 sqft. Mr. Alzoubi stated they will have a showroom and, at the side, will be an attached mechanic shop. Mr. Wichlinski asked for the timeline for the addition. Mr. Alzoubi stated April or May of next year. Mr. Wichlinski asked how many cars they will have. Mr. Alzoubi stated inside they can fit 20 and outside around 35. Mr. Wichlinski stated they previously put limits on how many cars can be out front and would like to do so with this as well. Mr. Alzoubi stated they can put cars in the back and that they are fine with a limitation. Mr. Alzoubi ***Mr. Wichlinski made a motion*** granting a favorable recommendation to Midwest Motor LLC; 510 E Ridge Rd., ***seconded by Mr. Kus. All favored, motion carried. Mr. Kus made a motion*** for Mr. Schwerd to prepare the Findings of Fact, ***seconded by Mr. Wichlinski. All favored, motion carried***

Item #2 Griffith Public Schools; 600 N Jay St., Developmental Standards Variance for parking; public comment portion of the meeting has been closed. continued.

No one appeared before the board. Mr. Mowery relayed a communication from the petitioner to be continued to the next meeting. ***Mr. Kus made a motion*** to continue Griffith Public Schools; 600 N Jay St., to the December 19, 2022, meeting ***seconded by Ms. Rivas All favored, motion carried.***

**NEW BUSINESS
COMMUNICATIONS
BILLS AND EXPENDITURES**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Zoning Appeals, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Tom Wichlinski, Secretary



Aubrey R. Stegall, Recording Secretary