

**CITY OF MANNING  
BOARD OF APPEALS**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2008  
6:30 p.m.**

**Breedin Assembly Room  
Pansy Ridgeway Admin. Bldg.**

**Members Present:**

Larry Williamson  
Levy Young

**Members Absent - Excused (E):**

Thomas James - E  
Ted Gardner

**Staff Members Present:**

Rebecca V. Rhodes - Administrator  
Mary Adger- Administrative Services Coordinator

**I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:** Mr. Williamson welcomed all and introduced the board. No one from the media was present.

**II. Invocation:** Mr. L. Williamson.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2008.** A **motion** was made by Mr. Young and was seconded by Mr. Williamson to accept the minutes. All favored.

Mrs. Rhodes announced for the record that Mr. Thomas James has resigned from his seat at the end of his term and does not desire to serve again.

Mr. Williamson inquired if the name he had submitted was eligible to serve. Mrs. Rhodes responded that the individual would not be eligible because he currently served on a board.

**IV. Election of Officers:**

Mr. Williamson requested that the election be delayed to another time.

Mr. Young was agreeable.

- V. **Request No. V-2008-02 to be allowed a variance of 4' to the height setback requirement of 30' to meet the ordinance clearance of 14 ft. at the bottom of the sign to be located on West Boyce Street, Tax Map Nos. 169-10-02-004-00 and 169-10-02-047-00, General Commercial (GC).**

*Proponent*

**Kevin Karl, 1819 Two Knotch Road, Columbia, SC  
Representative for Flagship Sign**

Mr. Karl stated that the existing structure (poles) would be utilized but all the existing boxes would be removed and replaced with new signage. However, the company would like to add four (4') feet to the top of each pole because of the 14' visual clearance needed for the bottom of the sign. The existing sign is not in the area of the power line, and adding the addition will not be either.

Mrs. Rhodes, Administrator, stated that she had spoken with a representative from Progress Energy and was informed that they had concerns with the current sign in their encroachment.

Mr. Karl asked if the sign could be lowered to 10'?

Mr. Williamson stated that the existing sign is currently in a danger zone of 15 ft. to the power line which is a hazard. However, the current sign is grand-fathered in and could remain as it is but could not come down any lower without encroaching into the visual clearance area of vehicles.

Mrs. Rhodes inquired if Mr. Karl would like to speak to the representative from Progress Energy and stated that she would make available the contact information in order that he could get the options for signs in the electric company's right of away.

Mr. Williamson stated that safety is very important and that the City does stress safety. The public's safety is a primary objective.

*Opponents*

No opponents were present.

Following the discussion, a **motion** was made by Mr. Williamson and seconded by Mr. Young to deny the variance request. All favored the motion.

Mr. Karl stated that he would proceed with his original sign permit (allowable 30').

**VIII. Board Comments:**

No comments.

**XI. Adjournment:**

Mr. Young **moved** to adjourn. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion. All favored the motion.

Time: 6:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Adger, Administrative Services Coordinator