

**CITY OF MANNING
BOARD OF APPEALS**

MINUTES

**Monday, April 28, 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

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 March 26, 2008. A motion was made by Mr. Young and was seconded by Mr. Williamson to accept the minutes. All favored.

IV. Request No. E-2008-04 to be allowed a special exception to operate a church on Dickson Street, Tax Map No. 187-01-07-014-00, Residential-6 (RS-6).

Proponent:

Pastor Herman Blanding, 6402 Silver Road, Manning, SC

Pastor Blanding stated that Faith with Works Ministries works with the elderly throughout the community neighborhoods, nursing facilities and residential care facilities. Presently, the ministry does not have a building to worship in and is proposing to locate in the facility on Dickson Street that was utilized 15-20 years ago as a club. The number to attend the facility is anticipated around 50 individuals.

Mr. Williamson inquired if DHEC had been contacted regarding restroom requirements.

Pastor Blanding responded that he had not pursued that far along because he needed to know if this special exception was approved.

Virginia Thompson, Resident of Clarendon Residential Facility

Mrs. Thompson stated that the ministry has brought new life to her and others. Through the ministry, they visit nursing facilities. Mrs. Thompson stated that with the ministry, she is now an asset to the community instead of a throwaway. The ministry is a positive influence for the community.

Minister Audrey Blanding, 6402 Silver Road, Manning, SC

Minister Blanding stated that she believed the facility will bring about a positive change with the ministry. The ministry supports those who have been drug abusers and we canvass neighborhoods against drug activity. They go from neighborhood to neighborhood. The facility will not be used as a living quarters but for worship service. There will be regular Bible study and worship service just like any other church.

Mr. Williamson inquired about parking.

Mrs. Blanding stated that parking was available.

James Zimmerman (Property Owner)/ 234, 236 and 238 Dickson Street

Mr. Zimmerman stated that he had no objection to having the church there. He hope that the reverend will do as he has said and do what is needed with the facility so that money is not lost in the process.

Ed Gibbons (Landlord), Manning, SC

Mr. Gibbons stated that he was the owner of the property that Rev. Blanding's church will be renting from and that parking was available at the location. Currently, the property is 80% cleared. However, if the request is approved, the remainder of the lot will be cleaned to provide more parking. Mr. Gibbons further stated that both sections belonged to him and that the area will be spruced up.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Williamson and was seconded by Mr. Young to grant the special exception. All favored the motion.

Mr. Williamson reminded Rev. Blanding to follow the guidelines and to see Mrs. Adger for additional information.

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V. Board Comments: None.

VI. Adjournment:

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

Time: 6:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Adger, Administrative Services Coordinator