

## **ROME CITY COMMISSION**

**Monday, March 28, 2022**

The Rome City Commission met at 6:30 p.m. this date in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, 601 Broad Street. Mayor Stevenson presided with Mayor Pro Tem Cochran and Commissioners Bojo, Beeman, Doss, Quick, Askew, Collins, and McDaniel present. Commissioner Bojo opened the meeting with prayer and led in the salute to the flag.

### **Minutes – March 14, 2022**

The Minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting, as submitted in writing by the Secretary, were approved by an unanimous consent.

### **Guests**

Mayor Stevenson welcomed approximately 20 members of the Jason Free Real Estate School in attendance at tonight's meeting.

### **SUP22-03-03 202 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Commissioner Quick introduced Special Use Permit request file # SUP22-03-03. This request is for a special use permit for a multi-family residential building on property zoned Low-Density Traditional Residential located at 202 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This parcel is identified by Floyd County Tax Map # J14C-200. The Planning Commission and Staff have recommended approval of this SUP.

Assistant Rome/Floyd Planner Brice Wood reviewed this file, displaying maps and photographs of the subject and surrounding property. Mr. Wood stated that the structure, in the Between the Rivers District, has traditionally been used for multi-family purposes.

Mayor Stevenson called a Public Hearing to order. Speaking in favor of the SUP was Jason Free, 202 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Free stated that he owns this property and has been remodeling it for updated multi-family use. Mr. Free and his wife currently live on the top floor of this structure. He stated his plans are to sell the five units in the structure as condo-type living. He plans to have four units with two-bedrooms and one unit with five bedrooms. Mr. Free stated that the correct zoning designation will help perspective buyers with their financing arrangements. With there being no one else to speak regarding this matter, the Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Quick moved to approve the Special Use Permit request for 202 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue as submitted. Commissioner Askew seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

### **Z22-03-07 Rezone 44 Carter Avenue**

Commissioner Quick introduced rezoning file Z22-03-07, the request to rezone property located at 44 Carter Avenue and identified by Floyd County Tax Map # I13Z-199A, from Community Commercial to Multi-Family Residential.

Assistant Rome/Floyd Planner Brice Wood reviewed this file, displaying maps and photographs of the subject and surrounding property. Mr. Wood distributed a site plan for the proposed development. This was the former location of a concrete plant.

Mayor Stevenson called a Public Hearing to order. Speaking in favor of the rezoning request was Mr. Chuck Hardin, 160 Three Rivers Drive. Mr. Hardin is the engineer for this project and represents the owner. Hardin stated this was the former location of a concrete plant, and the plan is to develop residential townhomes on this site. The owner feels this is a good fit for the area, and 39 units are planned. These will both two-and-three-bedroom, two-story townhouse style dwellings. Although this property has a Carter Avenue address, the primary ingress and egress will be from North Second Avenue. With there being no further discussion regarding this request, Mayor Stevenson closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Quick moved to approve the rezoning request for 44 Carter Avenue from Community Commercial to Multi-Family Residential as submitted. Commissioner Cochran seconded, and the motion was approved by the following vote:

**YES:** Cochran, Bojo, Beeman, Doss, Quick, Askew, and McDaniel  
**ABSTAIN:** Collins

#### **Joint Services Committee**

Mayor Stevenson announced that the Joint Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Sam King Room.

#### **Redevelopment Committee – TAD Request**

Commissioner Bojo announced that the Redevelopment Committee will meet in the near future and there will likely be two possible Tax Allocation District considerations to discuss.

#### **Water and Sewer Committee**

Commissioner Bojo announced that the Water and Sewer Committee will meet next on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Sam King Room.

Commissioner Bojo also stated that the Tallatoona Low-Income Water Bill Assistance Program is being evaluated. A report on the feasibility of this program in Rome will be reported at a later date.

#### **Landmarking Committee**

Commissioner Doss announced that the plaques have been ordered for the five sites chosen to be landmarked in 2021.

#### **Planning Commission**

Commissioner Quick announced that the Rome/Floyd Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

**Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Askew reported that the Rome Police Department has recently hired some additional officers, and the department now stands at a deficit of twelve officers. Previously, the Rome Police Department was nineteen officers below the allotted positions.

The Downtown Youth Committee is scheduled to meet with the Downtown Development Authority in the near future.

**Committee on Committees - Nominations**

Commissioner Collins announced that the Committee on Committees met at 4:30 p.m. today and discussed several committees. The following nominations are being made:

**Landbank Authority** – Appoint David Clonts (replacing Roger Smith) and J. R. Davis

**Alcohol Control Commission** – Re-Appoint Steve VanMeter

**Downtown Development Authority** – Re-Appoint Megan Watters, Appoint Kelli Duncan (replacing Connie Sams)

**Housing Authority** – Re-Appoint Mary Helen Heaner and Michael Taylor

**ULDC Board of Adjustments** – Re-Appoint Jarrod Johnson and Cameron Abney

There were no objections to these nominations. A vote is scheduled for the April 11<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Collins also noted that the City of Rome is looking for a new member of the Rome/Floyd County Library Board.

**Adjourn**

With there being no further business, Mayor Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Joseph F. Smith  
City Clerk