

CITY OF GASSVILLE, ARKANSAS
MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2019

A special called meeting of the City Council of the City of Gassville, Arkansas was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at the Gassville Community Center after proper notice had been given to the public. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Jeff Braim, Presiding Officer.

Upon the calling of the roll, those in attendance were Council Member Tim McFarland, Council Member Anita Seaman, Council Member Naomi Lassen, Council Member Thom Embach, Council Member Ralph Bird, Mayor Jeff Braim, and Recorder-Treasurer Jeff Lewis. Council Member Kayla Holland was absent.

The only item on the agenda and the reason for calling the special meeting was to consider **Proposed Resolution 2019-03**, which would revoke a special use license granted to O.M.A.R.T. (Ozark Mountain Residential Treatment, Inc.) in 1996.

On October 15, 1996, the City Council passed Resolution No. 96-04, which granted to O.M.A.R.T. a special use permit for the construction of an alcohol rehabilitation and treatment facility. The permit was issued for an unspecified term.

Mayor Braim informed the City Council that the Arkansas Community Corrections Board (A.C.C.), which had earlier contracted with O.M.A.R.T. to house transitional parolees released from the Arkansas Department of Corrections, has revoked that agreement because of non-compliance with A.C.C. regulations. O.M.A.R.T. has been operating outside the scope of the special use permit granted by the City Council in 1996, and has apparently been doing so for a significant period of time even prior to the recent transitional housing agreement with A.C.C., without the knowledge or consent of the City Council. All parolees have now been removed from the facility. After conferring with Attorney Ron Kincade, Mayor Braim stated he believes it is time for a "re-set" with respect to the permitted use of the O.M.A.R.T. facility. The Mayor is referring **Proposed Resolution 2019-03** to the City Council for its consideration.

Council Member Bird moved to have the proposed resolution read aloud. This motion was seconded by Council Member McFarland. There was no discussion forthcoming, whereupon the Mayor called for the vote. Council Members McFarland, Seaman, Lassen, Embach, and Bird voted for the motion. There were no nays, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Recorder-Treasurer Lewis then read aloud the proposed resolution in its entirety, entitled:

“RESOLUTION 2019-03. A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 96-04 GRANTING O.M.A.R.T. A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A ALCOHOL REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT FACILITY, RE-ESTABLISHING PLANNING AND ZONING AUTHORITY AS TO THE PROPER ZONING USAGE FOR THE PROPERTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

The Mayor called for discussion. No comments or discussion were forthcoming from either the City Council or the audience members. Council Member Lassen the moved to adopt the resolution as read. This motion was seconded by Council Member Seaman. Prior to calling for the vote, the Mayor asked the City Council if it wished to set a specific date for the repeal of the special use permit to become effective, or if it should happen immediately. The City Council declined to set a specific future date, thus the revocation will take place immediately upon passage of the resolution.

The Mayor then called for the vote. Council Members McFarland, Seaman, Lassen, Embach, and Bird voted for the motion. There were no nays. The Mayor declared the motion carried and **Resolution 2019-03** to be adopted, passed, and to be in full force immediately.

Council Member Embach then moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McFarland, with all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Submitted by: 
Recorder/Treasurer

Approved by: 
Mayor