



**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
April 14, 2014**

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilmembers:

Tammy Cowdery
Paula Coggin
Kevin Crites

Guests:

Kristi Wright
Cyndia Hammond
Burt Clem
Linda Ronne
Keon Ronne
Donnie Haire
Thad Phares
Jessica Cowdery

City Staff:

Dessie Whelchel, City Secretary
Cindy Bartlett, Assistant to City Secretary
Tom Townsend, Public Works Director

Call to Order

Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Lorange at 6:01 pm on Monday, April 14, 2014, in the Council Chambers at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX.

Public Hearing Agenda Items

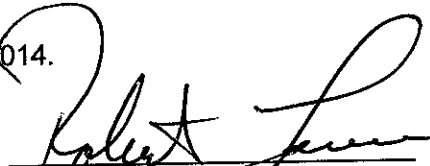
1. Consider Zoning Variance / Specific Use Permit Application submitted by Right to Life of Texarkana, Inc., dba 1st Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, to construct and operate a maternity home in an area currently zoned as R1 / Agriculture. The property is located on Red River Rd N, Block 15 of the J. S. Herring A-264 Addition.
2. Hear any testimony from interested parties regarding the property in Item 1.
 - (a) Letters sent out to property owners within 200 feet were returned with unfavorable comments. There are multiple objections to the 1st Choice request.
 - (b) Kristi Wright, the 1st Choice Executive Director, introduced herself. She briefly described the agency and type of facility they wish to build.
 - (c) She was presented with the letters from the neighboring property owners, as well as a statement from the school superintendent stating their disapproval.
 - (d) She answered questions from the mayor and councilmembers.
3. Determine recommendation to be made to City Council regarding Application described in Item
 - P&Z Board will recommend denial of application.

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Adjourn

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the public hearing at 6:07 pm on Monday, April 14, 2014. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 19 day of May 2014.


Robert Lorançe, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dessie Whelchel, CITY SECRETARY