

Minutes of Special Meeting held April 16, 2018

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Alderman Ruben Gonzalez, Jerry Stone, Jamie Dahler, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Public Works' Director James McGrath; Police Chief Richard Priest; Fire Marshal Matt Dear. Alderman Farmer was absent.

Visitors: Cheryl Kennedy, Manuel Zuvia, Willie Kempf, Aaron Neumann.

Mayor Bowen opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council and the Mayor that the wording for the agenda item was what the City Attorney recommended.

Mayor Bowen told Council that the developer of Saddle Ridge Estates is asking for a lot width of 50 feet.

Alderman Stone asked if a feasibility study needs to be done for utilities. Alderman Gonzalez told Council the engineer had already stated there was no problem with utilities.

There was a lengthy discussion on the lots still being 6,000 sq. ft. even if they are just 50 ft. wide.

Aaron Neumann told Council that this subdivision would be a 3 to 5 year phase in.

Mayor asked Council members what they thought.

Alderman Stone said he feels as long as the lots have the 6000 sq. ft. it wouldn't matter if they were 50 feet wide.

Alderman Dahler told the Mayor and Council members that she is not crazy about the width requirement being lowered. She also told Council that the change from 175 to 315 homes is a big difference that will effect our utilities and roads, and she would like to keep the ordinance the same.

Willie Kempf told Council they could build 60 foot lots but this would mean more streets for the city to maintain.

Alderman Cortez said he doesn't have a problem with the change as long as the lots are the same square footage as now.

Alderman Gonzalez said as long as lots stay at 6,000 sq. ft. he doesn't see a problem.

After more discussion, Alderman Gonzalez made the motion that Council set a public hearing for April 30th to discuss amending the ordinance on lot width. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.