

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
SPECIAL SESSION
October 15, 2021

The Zoning Board of Adjustments of the City of Athens, Texas met in Special Session on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 501 US Highway 175 West, Athens, Texas with the following members present constituting a quorum, to-wit: Jack Bateman, Thomas Faulk, Bill Priestley, Mamie Stafford, and Shannon Traxson.

Director of Development Services Audrey Sloan and Paul Benson were also present.

Member Bateman called the meeting to order.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 23, 2021, SPECIAL SESSION
Vice Chairperson Traxson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Member Faulk and passed unanimously.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A REQUEST FROM PAUL BENSON FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE REGULATIONS IN CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, SECTION 22-27(G)(2) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE HEIGHT AND EXTENSION REQUIREMENTS FOR AWNINGS LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO INSTALL AN AWNING ON THE FRONT FAÇADE OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 114 NORTH PALESTINE STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 3A, BLOCK 9 OF ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN, T. PARMER SURVEY, ABSTRACT 782. THE AWNING IS PROPOSED TO BE SIXTEEN FEET ABOVE THE SIDEWALK AND TO EXTEND EIGHT FEET OUTWARD FROM THE BUILDING. THE REQUEST WILL REQUIRE A VARIANCE OF FOUR FEET FOR THE HEIGHT AND A VARIANCE OF THREE FEET FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE AWNING.

Chairperson Bateman opened the public hearing. Sloan described the location of the property and the request for variance. Paul Benson spoke about the request and noted that the proposed awning would be welded to the existing I-beam located at the top of the opening of the original façade. After some discussion, Chairperson Bateman closed the public hearing.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM PAUL BENSON FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE REGULATIONS IN CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, SECTION 22-27(G)(2) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE HEIGHT AND EXTENSION REQUIREMENTS FOR AWNINGS LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING TO INSTALL AN AWNING ON THE FRONT FAÇADE OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 114 NORTH PALESTINE STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 3A, BLOCK 9 OF ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN, T.

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The item was discussed at length. A motion was made by Member Stafford to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Member Priestley and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sheila Garrett, Development Coordinator