

**City of Marine City  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
May 3, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, and was called to order by Chairperson Kim Weil at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Weil.

**Present:** Chairperson Weil; Commissioners Bassham, Gabler, Menchaca; City Commissioner Turner; Building Official Wilburn; City Manager Leven; and Deputy Clerk McDonald

**Absent:** None

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by City Commissioner Turner, to approve the Agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by Commissioner Gabler, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals held February 1, 2017, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

## **New Business**

### ***Public Hearing ~ Appeal #17-02 – Thomas Garwood (Gar’s), 142 South Water Street***

Chairperson Weil announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals would conduct a hearing to receive public comments for and against the proposed Variance Request by Thomas Garwood, for property located at 142 South Water Street. The Variance Request was to increase the allowable depth of the awning sign projecting over the public right-of-way (per Ordinance 160.220). Increasing the projection depth from 12” to 30”.

Chairperson Weil opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm.

Building Official Wilburn stated that the City Attorney reviewed the applicant’s Variance Request and advised her that it should be classified as a sign awning – wall sign. This was due to the proposed sign awning extending further than the 12” that was allowable. She noted that she proceeded with the application based on the Attorney’s recommendation.

City Commissioner Turner said that he felt the applicant should not have been required to come to this Board, or pay the associated fees, since City ordinances do not specifically cover this kind of project. He then referenced a handout he provided the Board and requested that it be attached to the official minutes. He proposed that the Board define all awning signs as projection signs rather than wall signs.

Chairperson Weil closed the Public Hearing at 7:13 pm.

Motion by City Commissioner Turner, seconded by Chairperson Weil, to waive the requirement to obtain a variance, refund the associated fees with Appeal #17-02, and send a formal apology letter to the applicant.

Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Weil, Bassham, Gabler, Menchaca, Turner

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **Adjournment**

Motion by Chairperson Weil, seconded by Commissioner Gabler, to adjourn at 7:13 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth McDonald*

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Deputy Clerk

*Kristen Baxter*

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