

**MINUTES OF A BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS MEETING HELD ON THE 4th
DAY OF AUGUST, 2009, AT 4 P.M.**

The Board of Zoning Adjustments met on August 4, 2009, at 4 o'clock P.M. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Louise Howard, Vice Chairman, Ann Blondheim, Reverend Richard Hunter, and Willie James Walton. Absent: Frank Barefield, Chairman.

Also present: Bill Klein, Building Inspector and Kenny Hayes, Building Inspector.

Vice Chairman Howard stated a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Walton moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2009. Reverend Hunter seconded the motion. After a voice vote Vice Chairman Howard announced the motion had carried.

Vice Chairman Howard called for the hearing of applications.

Mr. J. R. Hayes addressed the Board to request a Special Use Permit to operate a non-profit "hippo therapy" facility. He stated the facility (Level Acres Ranch) would be used for people with physical or mental disabilities. He further stated the organization would have a Board of Directors to oversee the operation. He stated the horses are trained for the disabled. The portion of the property to be used by "Level Acres Ranch" contains approximately 10-12 acres and is owned by the Britt family. Mr. Hayes stated he would have an automatic entrance gate with a "greeter sign".

Jimmy Calton, City Attorney, stated he saw no problem and further stated the facility could be of use to soldiers with disabilities from Ft. Benning and Ft. Rucker.

Vice Chairman Howard noted that all legal requirements of notification of adjoining property owners had been met and a sign placed on the site.

Vice Chairman Howard called for audience input. There was no response from the audience.

Bill Klein, Building Inspector, stated he had no problem with Mr. Hayes' non-profit hippo therapy facility request.

Reverend Hunter moved to grant the Special Use Permit to Mr. Hayes, "Level Acres Ranch" to operate the hippo therapy facility on the Britt property located on Highway 82, subject to all code requirements being met. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. The following roll call vote was recorded: yeas: Mr. Walton, Reverend Hunter, Mrs. Blondheim, and Louise Howard, Vice Chairman. Nays: none. Vice Chairman Howard announced the motion had carried and advised the applicant of the 15-day waiting period allowed for the appeal process.

The next application was by D. B. and Grace Adkinson for an area variance to build a carport within 2' of the property line at 207 Nowell Drive. Scott Deal, contractor, stated that an 8' variance is needed to add the carport on the house. Debbie Adkinson, daughter, stated the carport is needed in order that she can get her elderly parents into the car without having to get them out in the weather. The carport will be 20' x 30'.

Vice Chairman Howard called for audience input on the application. There was no response from the audience.

Vice Chairman Barefield noted that all legal requirements of notification of adjoining property owners had been met and a sign placed on the site.

After discussion of the request, Mrs. Blondheim moved to approve the request for the 8' area variance for D. B. and Grace Adkinson at 207 Nowell Drive . Mr. Walton seconded the motion. The following roll call vote was recorded: Yeas: Mr. Walton, Reverend Hunter, Mrs. Blondheim, and Mrs. Howard. Nays: none. Vice Chairman Howard announced the motion had carried and advised the applicant of the 15-day waiting period allowed for the appeal process.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the same was on motion duly made and seconded, adjourned this 4th day of August, 2009.

Louise Howard, Vice Chairman

Gloria C. Bailey, Secretary