

**Morristown Board of Zoning Appeals  
March 12, 2019**

**Members Present**

Chairman Jack Kennerly  
Vice-Chairman Bill Thompson  
Mayor Gary Chesney  
Board Member Wanda Neal  
Board Member Ventrus Norfolk  
Board Member Frank McGuffin

**Others Present**

Steve Neilson, Community Development Director  
Lori Matthews, Senior Planner  
Josh Cole, Planner  
Tina Allison, Admin. Asst. Planning  
Joey Hargis  
Constance Wardwell  
Mary Moore  
Judy Anderson  
George Anderson  
Ritchie Broyles  
Debra Williams  
T. Clint Harrison

**Members Absent**

Secretary Robert (Bob) Garrett

Chairman Jack Kennerly called the meeting to order and invited anyone who wished to join the Commission in an Invocation and the Pledge to do so.

**I. Chairman Jack Kennerly called for approval of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes.**

Mayor Gary Chesney made a motion for approval of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes seconded by Board Member Bill Thompson.

Upon voice votes, all Ayes. Motion carries.

**II. Old Business:**

None

**III. New Business:**

**UORV-2270: Special Use Permit for a Cell Tower in Residential Zone (R-2)  
1025 Sulphur Springs Rd (West High School)**

Planner Josh Cole discussed a request received from Baker Donelson on behalf of Verizon Wireless to construct a 46' monopole cell tower at West High School, which is currently zoned R-2, Medium Density Zoning. According to zoning ordinance, cell towers placed in residentially zoned properties must receive a special use permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The applicant noted that the proposed tower will replace an existing light pole located outside the left field portion of the baseball stadium. Following construction and placement of the tower, lights will be moved from the light pole onto the tower, so it can serve as both a wireless communications tower and a lighting pole for the baseball field. The tower will be setback 108' to the nearest property line which is Westview Baptist Church and more than 200' from any current residential unit.

The proposed request meets the conditions set forth in the zoning ordinance and Verizon is attempting to blend this tower in by having it also serve as a light pole and cell tower, thus Staff recommended approval of the proposed request.

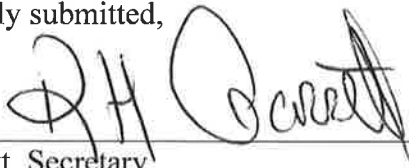
Board Member Frank McGuffin made a motion to approve request Board Member Bill Thompson seconded motion.

Attorney Mr. Joey Hargis spoke on their behalf of Baker Donelson.

Voting results: 6 yes, 0 no. Motion Passed.

No further business, meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Garrett", written over a horizontal line.

Bob Garrett, Secretary

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