Rigby Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes of the Meeting April 10, 2025

#### Call to Order:

Chairman Dan Stowell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### Roll Call:

- Commissioner Dan Stowell (Chair) Present
- Commissioner Sutherland Present
- Commissioner Stone Absent
- Commissioner Belk Present
- Commissioner Kifer Present
- P&Z Administrator Present
- Public Works Absent

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Stowell

# **Approval of Minutes**

- **Motion:** Commissioner Kifer moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting.
- **Second:** Commissioner Stowell seconded the motion.
- Roll Call Vote:
  - o Stowell Yes
  - o Kifer Yes
  - o Belk Yes
  - o Sutherland Yes
- **Result:** Motion carried.

## **Public Hearing**

**Subject:** Annexation & Zone Designation **Applicant:** May Adams / Lane Adams

Location: Approx. 571 North 3rd West, Rigby, Idaho

Proposal: Annexation of 5.20 acres with R-2 zoning designation for twin homes/duplexes

#### Presenter:

**Jim Barnard** – Representing the Adams family

- May Adams has moved to assisted living; Lane Adams seeks to sell the property.
- The existing home in the eastern portion will be removed.
- Proposal includes development of twin homes under R-2 zoning.
- Developer intends to coordinate with adjacent property owners to improve traffic flow.
- Emphasized that R-2 zoning is appropriate next to existing R-1 zones.

# Correspondence:

Chairman Stowell read a letter submitted by **Mr. Robert Wiser**, who expressed concerns regarding potential impacts of the development.

### **Public Comment**

In Favor: none

### Neutral:

# • Mr. Ryan Day:

- o Not opposed to the annexation, but expressed concerns regarding transparency and future development plans.
- Stated that a realtor had approached him about providing a second access point through his property but failed to follow up.
- Requested that the zoning remain R-1 to better reflect surrounding properties and limit density.
- o Cited Idaho Code Title 7, Chapter 7 (Eminent Domain), expressing concern over possible future road development across his land.
- o Stressed the importance of full disclosure and fair notice to neighboring residents.

#### • Mr. Robert Wiser:

- o Owns property directly west of the subject parcel.
- Expressed concern about the construction of two-story buildings overlooking his backyard.
- o Requested thoughtful planning to minimize negative impacts on existing homeowners.

### Rebuttal – Mr. Jim Barnard:

- Clarified that he is working solely with the Adams family, and has no intention of pursuing eminent domain or property access without consent.
- Acknowledged that if a second access is not feasible, development will be limited in accordance with fire code requirements.
- Reiterated his intent to proceed in a transparent manner and to act in the best interest of the Adams family.

## Re-open Meeting

## **Additional Discussion:**

- **Ryan Day** reiterated that the current proposal may represent only a portion of a larger plan and emphasized the need for transparency.
- Commissioner Belk acknowledged this concern, but clarified that the Commission can only consider applications formally submitted.

- **P&Z Administrator Ione Hansen** confirmed that only submitted proposals can be addressed by the Commission.
- Robert Wiser inquired about the implications of a potential stub road and the possibility of homes being constructed at the west end of the property.
- **Commissioner Belk** clarified that such a development would require a separate application.

## Hearing was closed following discussion.

### **Commissioner Discussion and Action**

The Commission discussed the compatibility of the proposed zoning with adjacent properties. It was noted that:

- Twin homes exist to the east of the subject parcel, in an area of comparable size and zoning.
- R-2 zoning allows duplex development adjacent to R-1, per city code.
- While concerns were raised, many fell outside the scope of the current application (i.e., future phases, access through neighboring parcels, and density expansion).

### Motion:

Commissioner Kifer moved to approve the **Annexation and Zone Designation** for May and Lane Adams, located at approximately 571 North 3rd West, Rigby, Idaho, to include 5.20 acres of R-2 zoning for the purpose of developing twin homes (duplexes).

**Second:** Commissioner Belk

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

- Stowell Yes
- Kifer Yes
- Belk Yes
- Sutherland Yes

**Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

### Adjournment

- **Motion:** Commissioner Belk moved to adjourn the meeting.
- Second: Commissioner Sutherland
- Vote: Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

### Approved by:

**\Chairman** 

Attested by:

Ione Hansen, Planning & Zoning Administrator