

**City of Marion, Illinois  
Zoning Board  
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 11, 2024**

Council Chambers  
City of Marion City Hall  
Tower Square Plaza  
Marion, IL 62959

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:37 p.m. by Doug Peebles

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Tamie Rix, Bill Nielson, Doug Peebles

ABSENT: Matt Lee, Jerry Ross

STAFF: Tim Stotlar

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of May 16 minutes by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**REQUEST**

Williamson County Board requests a Special Use Permit at Rt 37 North Court St., Parcel# 06-12-476-006, to build a new County Animal Control Facility in a R-A Rural Agricultural zone.

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Mark Dillon, Architect, presented the plans. It is to be a single story, 6400 square foot, state-of-the-art facility. It will include an indoor kennel, office, support staff, outdoor runs, and a perimeter fence 40 feet from the building. Sewer mains will

connect to the city. There will be down lights outside and some security lighting. The entrance from Court Street will be a driveway through Parcel# 06-12-476-008.

Doug Peebles questioned why the Ameren entrance from Court Street was not being used. Mark Dillon said the land through that area is not suitable for building a road to the facility due to a drop off.

Jim Marlo stated that the current location of the Williamson County Animal Control Facility is owned by General Dynamics. It does not meet their needs and cannot be modified. Also, General Dynamics will likely want the property vacated in the near future.

Norman Winters, owner of the property north of parcel 008, expressed concerns regarding noise from the kennel. He was assured animals would be outside in the runs only during the daytime and that the runs would be on the south side of the facility, away from his property.

Mr. Winters also said drainage issues involving Mule Creek have not been fully addressed in the past, and he is concerned the installation of the proposed facility's driveway will worsen the flooding on his property. He exhibited several photographs showing the flooding/drainage issues on Mule Creek from Court Street to Patrick Street.

Mark Dillon stated that culverts were to be installed under to driveway to drain water away. Jim Marlo assured him the issues would be addressed and that the County would be "good neighbors" and intend to "do things right".

Another concern of Mr. Winters was that approving the County's request would set a precedent to re-zone other parcels surrounding his property. Doug Peebles clarified that this was a special use permit, not a change of zoning. Thus, it would not affect zoning of surrounding areas.

### **MOTION/VOTE**

Bill Nielson made a motion to approve the request, with the condition that the County addresses the water issues. It was seconded by Tamie Rix.

The request was unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Minutes compiled by Tamie Rix