



GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

March 12, 2019

156 E. JACKSON ST.

6:30 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARING: Request to approve a Special Exception and Use Permit to locate a mobile home to 154 Elliott Street. 154 Elliott Street is a R-2 Zone which does not permit mobile homes.

Mayor Frances Perry opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL – Deputy Town Clerk – Lisa Loggans

	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Mayor, Frances Perry	yes	
Vice Mayor, Robin Richards	yes	
Council Member, Allan “Cotton” Roberts	yes	
Council Member, Roger Cassell	yes	
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.	yes	
Council Member, Ron Kindle	yes	
Town Manager, Greg Jones	yes	
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks	yes	

Others present: Thelma Anderson, Contrinia Payne, Patricia Anderson, Ellen Bailey, Daniel Dean, Angela Gilreath, Anna Dean, Carolyn Bailey, Kim Hutchins, Mary Sanders, Joe Morton, Lydia Lane

III. NEW BUSINESS

The Town of Gate City has received a request to approve a Special Exception and Use Permit to locate a mobile home to 154 Elliott Street. 154 Elliott Street is a R-2 Zone which does not permit mobile homes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Thelma Anderson – 164 Elliott Dr. (lives next to property being addressed); Anderson stated, “I do not see any reason why Daniel Dean cannot put his trailer in the neighborhood. He has worked diligently to clean up the property. He removed a commode that had been sitting on the property for years.” Ms. Anderson went door-to-door collecting opinions on whether or not individuals located in the neighborhood would be opposed or accepting of a trailer being located within the community. Ms. Anderson stated, “Most individuals that I asked were happy that we were getting new people moving into the neighborhood.”

2. Contrinia Payne – 238 Elliott Dr. (lives two houses down from the property); Payne stated, “I don’t see a problem with the Dean’s moving a trailer into the empty lot. We want new neighbors in our community. We welcome new families into our community and have no problem with the trailer being moved into the neighborhood.”
3. Patricia Anderson – 319 Elliott Dr. (lives in the neighborhood where the mobile home would be located); Patricia Anderson stated, “I see no reason why that trailer cannot be put there; it is better than what was there.”
4. Kim Hutchins – 319 Elliott Dr. (Pinky Anderson’s Caregiver and lives in the neighborhood where the mobile home would be located); Hutchins stated, “I don’t have a problem with the trailer. The Dean’s cleaned off the land and worked to make it better. Hutchins also addressed her concern about the kudzu vine that is taking over the land in the community.”
5. Ellen Bailey- 493 Manville Rd. (lives next to property) Bailey stated, “I welcome people into the community, we believe in helping our neighbors, if we make a mistake, we apologize to one another and try to make it right. Unfortunately, this is not a community where we can leave our car doors and front doors open. New people coming in have caused a lot of problems like break-ins. When you have a new trailer come in that is going to be used as a rental, you don’t know who you’re going to be renting to. Once neighbors get in, they don’t care what happens to others in the community.”
6. Daniel Dean- 1129 Emerald Valley Circle (asking about the easement); Daniel Dean stated, “On Woodland St. easements were made for trailers to move into the neighborhood, why aren’t we getting easements to move in as well?” Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated, “those easements have not a thing to do about yours, I understand where you’re coming from, but the council will have to decide about the special exception and use report for your individual location.” Daniel Dean said that he understood this and thanked the council for their time.
7. Angela Gilbreath – 423 Manville Rd. (lives in the neighborhood where the mobile home would be located and works for VDOT); Ms. Gilbreath stated, “I’m for the easement. I support it and anything that is going to make the community look better and grow. I think that they are good people and won’t put any trash into the community.”
8. Anna Dean – 1129 Emerald Valley Circle (asking about the easement); Ms. Dean stated, “We just want to make it better. As far as renting, I am very selective of who rents. Hopefully we can make a difference for the better in the community. That’s all we want to do.”
9. Carolyn Bailey – 144 Elliott Dr. (lives next to property); Ms. Bailey stated, “We have several trailer homes in the area already. I see nothing wrong with the trailer moving in and it is right next door to me.”

Close public comment at 7:10 P.M.

V. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSSES AT 7:10 P.M.

Frances Perry – Mayor

Lisa Loggans – Deputy Town Clerk