

Agenda Item Attachment

February 18, 2020 City Council Meeting



Agenda Item: 12
Submitted by: City Manager
Reviewed by:
Budgeted Item: No
For Action: Yes
Attachments: Deck Engineering Stamp & Artist Sketch

Variance to exceed maximum height of 35' pursuant to City Ordinance #320

Discussion:

Pursuant to our City Ordinance #320 regarding maximum height variance this application for a variance is in good order. Mr. Brewer has acted in good faith to our process all along the way. He has obtained, at his expense, a stamp from a registered, licensed engineer, Delbert Richardson. City management has investigated the engineer, and found he is a reputable and well-respected engineer in Lufkin, Texas. We have further corresponded with the City Attorney, and are satisfied the City is not at risk of liability from the structure. If approved, Mr. Brewer will have a new maximum height of 55 feet, and the deck will in no way extend out beyond the original structure over either Highway 21 or Broadway Street.

There is no Ordinance currently preventing the structure based on anything other than height. The deck has existed in an unfinished state for over a decade, and City Management sees no reason to deny its completion based on current codes.

Recommended Motions:

City Manager recommends the variance be approved as long as the structure is built no higher than the new maximum and that it further be constructed pursuant to the revised notes as recommended by the approving engineer. Further, Mr. Brewer must agree to comply with all other City Codes.