

CITY OF HOOKS

February 27, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Brandon PattersonPresentMatthew ButlerPresentGrant SuttonPresentMandy RankinPresentJanet StokerPresent

- 1. The Council Meeting was called to order by Matthew Butler at 6:00 PM.
- 2. The Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Matthew Butler.
- 3. Conditional Use permit request, applicant is requesting to use the gym at the former church located at 1201 E Ave G Hooks, TX as temporary housing for the congregation of approximately 10-20 members.

Matthew Butler explained that P&Z Committee is a recommendation committee that hears a request and recommends either approval or denial to the council. Mr. Butler then explained that because there was a such a large crowd there would be no open forum. He stated due to the calls, text, statements the entire Committee has heard over the past few days he believe everyone is in attendance in opposition. He then stated to keep from wasting everyone's time. We will not hear the opposition but if anyone here is in support of this item please come forward, and there were none. Mr. Butler then explained we would listen to the pastor, Jacob Jeudy of Walk by Faith International who was in attendance by zoom call, the committee will ask question and the crowd gets to listen. Please no outbursts.

Pastor Jacob Jeudy explained how his has been in El Paso, TX since 2006 and he feels God is leading him to somewhere else in the US. They looked online and found this vacant church at a price they could afford. He stated the church would be used as a sanctuary but he is asking to use the gym for housing temporarily probably 6 months to a year. He stated that would be 13 people he plans to house in the gym. Committee member stated he knows the church is member of SBTC, what do in El Paso to support the community and what do they plan to do for the community of Hooks? Mr. leudy stated they currently support the migrant community in El Paso and it depends on what the needs are in Hooks, they talked about starting a food bank in Hooks. He stated he spent 22 years in the US Army. Committee members asked do they plan to house homeless in this gym along with their families. Mr. Jeudy stated no they do not plan to have homeless in the gym. Committee members asked do they plan to house refugees. Mr. Juedy stated their congregation consists of 7 American and 6 refugees, all documented immigrants, they all have social security cards and Texas ID's. Committee members asked is the plan to continue bringing Haitian's to this community. Mr. Juedy stated the church will not exclusively be for Haitian's, they plan to have services in English and Haitian. Committee members asked to explain hi whole ministry. Mr. Juedy explained there is a big army base in El Paso, that is where he retired from, while at the base he saw needs and when he retired he started this ministry to help the military and Haitians. Mr. Juedy stated he came to the US in 1994 and was in the US Army until he retired in 2018. Committee members asked Mr. Jeudy how many children he has. Mr. Jeudy stated out of the 30 people coming 1 is 11 years old and 14 years old that are his minor children and 2 other are 19 &



21 years old. The committee disconnected with Mr. Jeudy and convened into executive session to consider the request.

A motion was made to make a recommendation to the council to deny the request for a condition use permit at 1201 E Ave G Hooks, TX by Brandon Patterson and seconded by Janet Stoker.

4. Adjournment - We had a motion made by Matthew Butler and seconded by Brandon Patterson, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned.