

RESOLUTION  
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BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas, that WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas, has been informed that Dale Norman and wife, Cecelia Norman, and Kenneth Norman and wife, Carol Norman, have petitioned or will petition the County Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas, for annexation into the City of Conway, Arkansas, the following described lands in Faulkner County, Arkansas:

Part of the N1/2 SE1/4, Section 9, Township 5 North, Range 14 West, Faulkner County, Arkansas, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of said N1/2 SE1/4; thence South 0 degrees 28 minutes 26 seconds West along the East line of said N1/2 SE1/4 440.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 28 minutes 26 seconds West along said East line 206.80 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds West parallel to the North line of said N1/2 SE1/4 295.88 feet (deeded 297.0 feet); thence North 0 degrees 09 minutes 49 seconds East 206.80 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds East 297.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.4 acres, more or less.

FURTHERMORE, the petitioners request that all lands hereinabove described be given an R-1 zoning classification.

WHEREAS, it is desired to indicate unto the County Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas, the attitude of the City of Conway, Arkansas toward such annexation.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas that said City Council does hereby declare its willingness to accept said lands as a part of the City of Conway, Arkansas, to be zoned as stated hereinabove, provided said County Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas, shall, in the exercise of its discretion, deem said lands suitable for annexing unto the City of Conway, Arkansas.

PASSED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1995.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

TO: Editor, Log Cabin Democrat

FROM: Gene and Bea Weldon and Neighbors of Dale and Ken Norman

SUBJECT: RE: Log Cabin article dated January 25, 1995 titled  
"City fears back door in request".

Editor, The information listed below is a statement of position from Mr. Dale Norman's neighbors with regard to his request for annexation into the city of Conway.

Mr. Ken Norman was quoted in the paper as making the statement that "No neighbors appeared to object to the Duplex". Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, several neighbors provided a petition to the City Planning Commission stating their objections to this annexation. Additionally, the petition was forwarded to the city council for their consideration. Several of Mr. Normans neighbors, including Wendell White, Jerry Graddy, and myself (Gene Weldon) have voiced their objections during one-on-one conversations with him.

The observation by Mayor Kinley that Mr. Dale and Ken Normans request "appears to be evading the law", and that annexation "would not be keeping faith with the people", in our opinion, is right on target. From the outset of this project, several phases of the site preparation and actual construction have been completed under what appears to be less than above-board methods.

Mr. Norman was quoted as making the statement that, "A board member told me to build what I wanted and then request annexation". Surely Mr. Norman is not so naive that he would take a statement such as this as a blanket approval to build anything he wanted. A man with his construction experience would have extreme trouble convincing me that he honestly felt he could take such liberties and still be granted admission into the city. I would be very interested to learn which of our Board Members would make such a comment under the pretense of being serious.

With respect to site preparation, it must be noted that Mr. Norman has been guilty of what we consider to be significant violations of environmental responsibility. He has buried potentially damaging materials on the property. A partial listing of these materials include: sheetrock, roofing shingles, plastic sheeting, and various and sundry other construction materials. Proof of this statement can be furnished in the form of Polaroid pictures on request.

Mr. Casey Jones has made the statement "I'm not for an island of county property".....The surrounding neighbors requested last summer that the planning commission annex the Norman property at the same time as theirs so as not to leave an island of county property. This request was made because of threats from Mr.

Norman to withdraw his request for annexation, and build duplexes in spite of the advisement of the city and objections of the surrounding neighbors.

The Norman's chose to risk their investment by building duplexes on their property. They were told by both the planning commission and the city council that duplexes were not in congruence with the city's land use plan.

We have been told that Mayor Kinley sent Mr. Norman a letter which stated that the property would not be annexed if duplexes were built. However, we have no concrete evidence that this letter, does in fact, exist.

It is the collective opinion of the individuals listed below that annexation of the Norman property to the City of Conway would not be in the best interests of the citizens or the city.

Gene Weldon

Bea Weldon

E. P. Pugh

Sylvia Sagraves

Delfert Cannals

Glenda Cannals

Wendell White

Richard Arendall

Charlene Arendall

Bill PRYOR

Regina Pryor

James Kinley

Barbara J. Corder

James H. Corder