Case 006-24: Street Renaming

S. McKee Ave, between 3rd St. and Central Street-Street renaming-A request to rename said portion of S. McKee Ave to JD Love Way-City of Joplin.

Tyler Bellairs, representing the City of Joplin presented the case on behalf of the family of retired police officer, J.D. Love. He was a resident of the neighborhood and the family had requested to honor him and his service to the community with the renaming of this section of McKee Ave. to J.D. Love Way. He stated the City staff had sent out notices to the residents in the area about the change. Those letters were mailed out earlier than usual to give the residents the opportunity to petition if they were opposed to the change. He stated the City staff had received no inquires or returns of the request. The City had not received any opposition.

Mr. Rosenberg asked if the City had to notify the post office and approve it or does it make any difference.

Mr. Bellairs stated that was why we held it has a public hearing and we notify the residents because the address change does affect the residents that are adjacent to that section of the street. He said that was their due diligence to make sure utility billing, post office addressing and all that changes. He stated the City did not notify them but we let the applicants know that someone was requesting to rename the street.

Mr. Kimble asked if that was part of the information mailed out in the packets to the residents. He stated he assumed it was a packet.

Mr. Bellairs stated no, our typical letter just lets the residents know of the request. The City does not go into detail. The letter had a phone number they could call if they had questions. He said it was a very generalized letter. A petition was included with the letter.

Ms. Phillips stated, so the residents did not get a list advising them who they needed to contact. She said, so these people were just on their own to figure everything out. Change it on their checkbook. It is a big deal. Ms. Phillips stated she would not want to go through it.

Mr. Bellairs stated they do not go in detail.

Ms. Phillips stated, so if this passed tonight and passed in Council you would do a follow up letter with these people and make suggestions as to what they should do.

Mr. Bellairs said we could but that was typically not our process.

Ms. Phillips stated she did not know if the people who own the houses live in the houses.

Mr. Bellairs said when we send any letters the letters go to the property owners.

Mr. McCullough asked if the homeowners or business owners incurred any expenses in changing their addresses would the City reimburse them.

Mr. Bellairs stated not that he knew of, he was not aware of anything.

Mr. Rosenberg asked if they were going to keep both names up there.

Mr. Bellairs said that after discussing it with Public Works that when it gets renamed it just becomes the new road name.

Melodee Colbert-Kean approached the podium and began to speak. Ms. Colbert-Kean addressed the questions the Commission had been asking and she stated that she had spoken with Mr. Troy Bolander 3-4 months earlier about this and it is not going to change the name of McKee. She said there would not really be a need for 911, utilities or anything like that to be changed because this is a ceremonial sign change. It would go before the other one, McKee would still be in existence, J.D. Love Way would go up at the top. Ms. Colbert-Kean stated she had spoken with the Boy's Club; she was on the Board there. She had the approval from Mr. Humphries, himself. He was all in favor of it.

Mr. Kimble asked if there were any questions from the Commission on Case 006-24.

Mr. Rosenberg said he wished to make a statement. He stated Jason Love is very deserving of this award.

Ms. Colbert-Kean stated absolutely.

Mr. Rosenberg said he graduated from Joplin Senior High School, played football, boxed for a while, he was a graduate of M.S.S.U., retired police officer and a friend. He is deserving of this award.

Ms. Colbert-Kean said she agreed totally.

Mr. Kimble asked if there was any one to speak in favor of Case 006-24.

There was none.

Mr. Kimble asked if there was any one to speak in opposition of Case 006-24.

There was none.

MR. JACKSON MOVED THAT CASE 006-24 BE APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. MR. ROSENBERG SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT).