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A public hearing on an ordinance for planning and zoning regulations was held during the regular meeting of Grant City Council on April 27, with discussion by council on the recommendations made by members of the planning and zoning committee.

According to City Superintendent Tyson McGreer, the Grant City Planning and Zoning Commission voted to allow two accessory buildings on residential property within the city limits—two 1,350 square foot buildings such as a garage and a shed or two garages.

Only one 1,350 square foot building may be erected on non-occupied residential lots. Council waived the three readings of the ordinance and approved the planning and zoning regulations as presented.

Council members passed a resolution to apply for federal emergency funds as part of the county's hazard mitigation plan to install new sirens within the city limits.

If funding is granted through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 75 percent of the \$40,000 cost would be paid for with \$5,000 coming from the Grant Suburban Fire District and \$5,000 from the City of Grant.

McGreer said the current sirens do an adequate job but are not ideal. The new sirens would be radio activated, include three tones, and would have a 15-30 minute battery backup.

"If we can make the city safer for \$5,000 to \$10,000, we'll never find that kind of deal again," said council member Darrell Pierce.

Action was taken on a resolution to amend cemetery regulations changing the maximum of 24 inch stones to a maximum of 26 inches so that monument companies can use precast forms.