

PUBLIC HEARING
VACATION OF PORTION OF MOUNT ZION ROAD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

A public hearing was held concerning the proposed vacation of a portion of Mount Zion Road, as requested by the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Alexandria, Alabama. The following comments were made:

Sara Holley, Resident of Zion Road - opposed:

- Residents will be inconvenienced daily by having to use only the Gate 5 Road/Hwy 431 intersection, which is extremely dangerous – safer to use Zion Road to access Hwy 431
- Access to fire hydrant may be limited, as well as limited fire and rescue squad accessibility
- Access to cemetery entrance may be limited – elderly prefer to use Zion Road to access cemetery rather than Gate 5 Road/Hwy 431 to avoid busy intersection
- One of the residents on Zion Road keeps the side of the road clean
- Residents on Zion Road are watchful of children and yield to pedestrians crossing road
- If road is closed, consider placing dead end street/local traffic only signs at Gate 5 & Zion Road, and never allow a gate to be placed across road for church use only -- People will be turning around in driveways and concern for increased crime
- Garbage pick-up, newspaper delivery, and mail delivery could be negatively affected

Gary Ragsdale, Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church – in favor:

- Road runs through parking lot -- concerned about safety issues, especially for children

Jerry Jones, Resident of Zion Road – opposed:

- Gate 5 Road intersection to Hwy 431 too dangerous, prefer using Zion Road
- Only one of the church's parking lots require crossing road

Trudy Hardegree, Resident of Gate 5 Road and Church Member - in favor:

- Red light at Gate 5 Road/Hwy 431 intersection alleviates problem – is much safer than using Zion Road to access Hwy 431
- Attends Mt. Zion Church and is concerned about danger to children on this road

Sheriff Larry Amerson, Church Member - in favor:

- Road has a blind curve and is dangerous
- Recommends closing the road for safety issues

There were no further comments from the public so the Chairman declared the public hearing to be closed.