



CITY OF FREEPORT

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May 11, 2013 – City Council Special Meeting Minutes

A special meeting of the Freeport City Council was convened at 7:00 A.M. by Mayor Matt Worms with Council Members Ron Ritter, Carrie Goebel, Ken Goebel and Rodney Atkinson.

Also in attendance: Tim Hennen and Jim Obermiller.

Staff in attendance: Mason Schirmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment was provided.

PUBLIC HEARING: HENNER LUMBER VARIANCE REQUEST

Worms moved and K. Goebel seconded a motion to open the public hearing regarding Hennen Lumber variance request. Motion carried 5-0. Public hearing opened at 7:01 A.M.

Schirmer presented council with the Hennen Lumber building permit application and variance request to allow the construction of a new 30'x68' building at 204 East Main Street. Schirmer said the proposed building would infringe upon current front and rear setbacks. Schirmer presented a staff report and proposed resolution from the City Planner, Municipal Development Group, Inc. The report stated review from the County as well as the City Engineer should be considered prior to approval of a variance. Schirmer stated Jeff Miller, Assistant County Highway Engineer, stated "Stearns County Highway Department has no objections to the proposed layout of a new 30'x68' shed that will be no closer to the road than other existing structures. No additional accesses will be permitted." Schirmer said according to David Blommel, City Engineer, Hennen Lumber will need to apply to the Sauk River Watershed District for permission due to the nature of the east side of the lot and that "there is a permanent easement for a sanitary sewer that is located behind the curb; in the future, if the City needs to maintain the sewer, he [Tim Hennen of Hennen Lumber] will be responsible for any restoration to improvements made within the easement area (typically landscaping or parking).

Hennen said the lot is seventy-five feet wide, the building is thirty feet wide, the distance the building will be from the front property line is thirty-one feet and the distance the building will be from the rear property line is fourteen feet. Hennen also said Hennen Lumber truck loading and unloading at the new building will be done off the county road and that the new building will prohibit other trucks from using the lot to turn their vehicles around, in-turn making travel along the county road safer.

C. Goebel moved and K. Goebel seconded a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2013-015, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE OF THIRTEEN FEET REDUCTING THE REQUIRED FORTY FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK TO TWENTY-SEVEN FEET AND A VARIANCE OF SIX FEET REDUCING THE REQUIRED TWENTY FOOT REAR

SETBACK TO FOURTEEN FEET IN THE I-1 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING AT 204 EAST MAIN STREET. Motion carried 5-0.

Other

Schirmer said he will be out of the office on 5/16/13 to visit the capital to meet with Freeport's Legislators.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:15 A.M. Worms moved and K. Goebel seconded a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Mason Schirmer, City Clerk Matthew H. Worms, Mayor