

PLANNING COMMISSION
July 11, 2016

The City of Jackson Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Jackson City Hall at 5:15 P.M. on July 11, 2016 with the following Commission members present: Chairman Randy Ringquist, Dave Cushman, Dave Lappe, John Hepp, Tim Beck and Dennis Hample. Also attending was Paul Hargus and City Zoning Administrator/Recording Secretary Dave Maschoff. (A quorum of the Planning Commission was present.) (Planning Commission member Robert Dorschner was absent.)

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Randy Ringquist called the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to order.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM PAUL HARGUS REGARDING A FENCE ON HIS PROPERTY AT 82 MERVA AVENUE

LAPPE/BECK moved and it was unanimously carried to open the public hearing on the variance application submitted by Paul Hargus regarding construction of a fence on his property at 82 Merva Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER VARIANCE APPLICATION FROM PAUL HARGUS

Ringquist said he viewed the fence and saw how the terrain on part of the Hargus property falls and thus a portion of the fence is taller than 6'6".

Maschoff mentioned that Hargus phoned the Zoning Office when Hargus found that a portion of his fence was going to exceed the height limit in a residential zone due to the variation of the terrain in his yard. He said Hargus wanted to keep the top of his entire fence level, but a portion of it is taller because of the terrain. Maschoff said Hargus came to City Hall and sought a variance application.

Ringquist noted that there is about a 10 to 15 foot section of the fence that exceeds the height limit. Ringquist asked if all the neighbors had received notice of the variance application.

Maschoff said all neighbors were mailed a public hearing notice. He said neighbors to the east of Hargus, Bradley and Kimberly Tusa, sent an email supporting the construction of the fence.

Maschoff said another neighbor called the Zoning Office, but was not against the construction of the fence.

Hargus noted the reason he constructed the fence is because there is an abandoned well on the neighboring property. Hargus said he and his wife have two children, ages 3 and 1, and the abandoned well was a concern.

Maschoff said the City is in contact with the owner of the neighboring property regarding the abandoned well and it is being addressed.

BECK/LAPPE moved and it was unanimously carried to recommend to the City Council approval of the variance application from Paul Hargus at 82 Merva Avenue for construction of a fence in which a portion exceeds 6'6" in height in the southeast corner of the Hargus property due to the variation in the terrain.

Maschoff noted the Planning Commission's recommendation would be on the City Council's July 19, 2016 Consent Agenda.

CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

HAMPLE/BECK moved and it was unanimously carried close the Public Hearing regarding the variance application submitted by Paul Hargus.

Hargus thanked the Planning Commission for their consideration of his variance application.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 9, 2016 MEETING

Ringquist asked if Commission members reviewed the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. He asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes and asked for a motion to accept the minutes as drafted.

CUSHMAN/HAMPLE moved and it was unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting as drafted.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, **HEPP/BECK** moved and it was unanimously carried for the meeting to be adjourned.

David A. Maschoff

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