

Approved Minutes

Public Hearing: To receive public comment regarding a variance application submitted by Anthony Carruth to construct an accessory building located at 422 SW 2nd Street.

Monday, May 23, 2016

6:45 p.m

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the City Council of the City of Renville, Minnesota met for a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2016 in the Renville City Hall. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment regarding a variance application submitted by Anthony Carruth to construct an accessory building located at 422 SW 2nd Street. A variance for the structure is required due to the following:

The proposed structure will be 18.5'. Maximum height according to ordinance is 14', Square footage of the building is 1152 square feet. Maximum square footage according to ordinance is 900 feet.

Lot coverage is approximately 34-36% which is greater than the 25% maximum in city ordinance.

The hearing was called to order by Mayor Wertish. Council Members present were Shane Wohlman, Jeff Pike and Brent Dahl. Also present were Mayor Janette Wertish and City Administrator/Clerk Kari Gislason, Robert Swanson, Jim Grant, Wilbur Standfuss, Lloyd Zabel and Anthony Carruth. Council members Jeremy Hinderks and Al Rohlik joined the meeting shortly after it was called to order.

Notice of the Hearing was published in the Renville County Register May 5, 2016.

Letters were sent to 23 surrounding property owners.

One neighboring property owner called City Hall and said he did not have any issues with the request.

One neighboring property owner called administrator and said he is concerned about the height of the structure, especially as the proposed building will be set on somewhat of a hill. He does not think the structure fits the surroundings.

Two other neighboring property owners contacted administrator and are concerned about the height of building as well as how much of the lot is covered. It will change their view of the landscape.

Neighboring community members Robert Swanson, Jim Grant, Wilbur Standfuss, Lloyd Zabel and Janette Wertish had concerns about the project. The main concern was the height of the structure. Mr. Carruth said he is considering taking fill out of the hillside to reduce the height to 17'. He is also considering a 32' x 32' structure. The structure will be a wood structure with asphalt shingles and will be primarily used for storage.

Other discussion included possibly moving the structure further north. Are there fire code issues with the proximity to the main structure on the lot? How much could be cut out of the hillside in order to reduce the height?

A motion was made by Al Rohlik and seconded by Shane Wohlman to close the hearing. The motion carried 5 to 0. The hearing was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Dated at Renville, Minnesota, this 23rd day of May, 2016

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY
OF RENVILLE, MINNESOTA

BY _____
Janette Wertish, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
Kari Gislason, City Administrator/Clerk