



City of Oelwein
Planning and Zoning Commission
October 21, 2019

The October 21, 2019 meeting of the City of Oelwein was called to order at 8:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Roger Boleyn, Carol Tousley, Savannah DeJong, Dave Gearhart
ABSENT: Travis Granberg
VACANCIES: Two (2)
ALSO PRESENT: Gary Crawford, Kimberly and Joshua Boone-Wallis, Rod Eckhoff, Ernest Steinman, Steve Sanders and Julie Shebek of Iowa RSA No. 12

Approve Minutes A motion was made by Gearhart, seconded by Boleyn to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting. All voted aye.
Motion Carried

#19Z08: Hub Properties, 315 East Charles is seeking a variance which if approved would allow three front yard parking spaces.

Boleyn verified the parking would be off of 4th Avenue NE. Gearhart felt this would be an eyesore from Charles and DeJong stated it was too close to other property.

A motion was made by Gearhart, seconded by Tousley to recommend denial of the request. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

#19Z09: Wallis Transport, 103 6th Street NW is requesting a variance for a home occupation allowing for a business office with no employees, no traffic and would not be open to the public.

Gearhart questioned why they were asking for a variance and if there would be signage. Kimberly Boone-Wallis replied if this property was being used as a business office that could be used for tax purposes. She also stated there would be no signs.

A motion was made by DeJong, seconded by Tousley to recommend approval of the request. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

#19Z10: Rod and Kim Eckhoff, 108 8th Avenue SE have requested a variance which if approved would authorize construction of a 6' privacy fence within 3" of the side (north) lot line.

Neighboring property owners William and Barbara Weber have indicated they have no objections to the proposed fence.

A motion was made by DeJong, seconded by Boleyn to recommend approval of the request. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

#19Z11:

Iowa RSA No. 12 Limited Partnership is requesting a variance to construct a 150' monopole telecommunications tower on leased land at 725 2nd Avenue SE. Iowa RSA had previously requested and received a variance to construct this tower north of the former Donaldson facility in November, 2018.

Julie Shebek of Iowa RSA stated the former tower location was unusable due to ground contamination. The proposed tower is for capacity purposes and would be FAA approved. She stated the tower is engineered to fall in a safe manner.

Gearhart reported he has spoken with residents of Southlawn Court and Southlawn Terrace Condominiums. Persons he had spoken with are not in favor.

Ernie Steinman, Vice President of the Condominium Association stated residents are concerned with property values and questioned if it would interfere with television reception. He feels towers in the city limits are a bad idea.

Shebek said they have not seen a decrease in property values near other tower locations or interference with television reception. She stated State law does not allow for discrimination on tower placement.

Tousley reviewed the city's zoning ordinance and stated the proposed tower exceeds the allowed height of 75 feet.

Gearhart asked if State law makes it safe for the children in the neighborhood. There is concern over the possible radio waves. People in the area don't want it.

A motion was made by Gearhart, seconded by Boleyn to recommend the request be denied. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

Respectfully,

Jay Shekleton,
Commission Secretary