

CITY OF DECORAH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of January 5, 2015

Chair Jon Christy called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. and called roll. Present: Janelle Pavlovec, Sue Sander, Jon Christy and Steve Johnson. Absent: John Moeller.

Also in attendance: Zoning Administrator Chad Bird.

Moeller asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 11, 2014 meeting.

Sander moved and Johnson seconded approval of the minutes.

Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

The first item on the agenda was a request from Donlon Pharmacy, Matthew Maker for 201 West Water Street requesting permission to construct a business sign contrary to C-3 Zoning requirements.

Mr. Maker explained he is proposing to install a sign above Donlon Pharmacy at this address. He submitted information relative to his sign application and the proposed dimensions of the sign. Bird noted the sign meets the City's codes in all respects except that it would protrude out from the building 44 inches; fourteen inches beyond the required limit of 30 inches. Sec 17.92.030 and 17.96.30.

Moeller outlined the rules of meeting conduct and said that the Board had a chance to review the information. Moeller asked for public comments. During the public comments, no one presented themselves to speak with the Board.

Moeller closed the public comment portion of the meeting. There was general discussion regarding the project.

Generally, the Board spoke in favor of the project. Sander asked for clarification on the dimensions as noted in the packet.

Johnson moved and Pavlovec seconded a motion to approve the variance for a sign in the C-3 Zoning District from the 30 inch limitation.

Roll call vote: Unanimously approved. Application is approved.

The second item on the agenda was a request from Dale and Wanda Rueber for 404 John Street requesting permission to construct a single family structure contrary to R-3 Zoning requirements.

Moeller opened the public portion of the meeting; there was no one present to speak for or against the application.

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Mr. Rueber is proposing to construct a single family residence on the lot at this address. The lot itself is nonconforming and as such impacts required setback provisions.

The application's plan is to encroach to the 9 feet; leaving a 16 foot front-yard. The side-yard would encroach 8.75 feet on the Terrace Street (North) only, leaving a 10 foot setback. The rear-yard encroaches 3 feet leaving a 22 feet setback.

LaVonne Sharp, 405 John Street, inquired about the project and what type of structure was being proposed. Upon learning that the owners proposed a single family residence she was in agreement with the application.

Moeller closed the public comment portion of the meeting. There was general discussion regarding the project.

Pavlovec moved and Johnson seconded a motion to approve the variance for a single family residence as requested in the application.

Roll call vote: Unanimously approved. Application is approved.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

