



**November 26, 2013
City of Carterville
Variance Hearing**

The hearing was held in the Council Chamber and was opened at 6:47 p.m. by Mayor Robinson.

Those present were: Mayor Bradley Robinson; Rick Ellet, Alderman/Ward 4; Michele Edwards, City Clerk; Tony Trombino, Alderman/Ward 3; Curt Oetjen, Alderman/Ward 2; Tom Gentry, Alderman/Ward 1; John Gooden, Alderman/Ward 3; Retia Watson, Retired Treasurer; Bill Kirk, Planning/Zoning Committee; Wayne Gerlock and Jennifer Gerlock, 741 S. Division Street; Janice McConnaughy; and Bud Edwards, Maintenance Superintendent.

The purpose of the variance hearing was to take comments from the public regarding construction of an awning on the back Jennifer Gerlock's house at 741 S. Division Street to give shelter for her dogs. Her dogs will have a door from the house directly into a fenced area. This will be the width of the house and 16' back to the privacy fence.

Jennifer Gerlock explained that she has two large dogs and this will give them room to move around. The entire back yard of the house is concrete.

The Mayor stated that we have received no objections from the public either in writing or verbally. The Planning/Zoning Committee sent a letter of approval by a vote of 3-2. Tony Trombino asked Bill Kirk why there was some dissent on the vote. Kirk indicated that there were two members who voted no entirely because of the setbacks issue. The Mayor stated that this residence is zoned business but since Ms. Gerlock is not using the home as a business the setbacks are more restrictive.

The Mayor asked if there were any additional comments from the Council members or audience and then closed the variance hearing at 6:54 p.m.