



January 28, 2014
City of Carterville
Variance Hearing – Imanda DeWalt

The hearing was held in the Council Chamber and was opened at 6:15 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; John Gooden, Alderman/Ward 3; Mike Helfrich, Alderman/Ward 2; Retia Watson, Retired Treasurer; Bill Kirk, Planning/Zoning Committee; Julie Jonnell Herron, 908 Glenn; Lyndon and Kerri Forby, 905 Glenn; Teri Ingram. Josh Combs, & Greg Ingram, First Southern Bank; Rich Byrnes, 914 Glenn; Imanda DeWalt, 912 Glenn; Kelli Ballard, Business Resources; Julie Crane, 909 Glenn; Kim Walters, 915 Valley Drive; Kevin & Jamie Brunk, 914 Valley Drive; Kathleen Miller, 911 Valley Drive; James and Lisa Brown, 815 S. Division; Robert Wright, 911 Glenn; Bob Prusator, Tri-C Superintendent; Marie Lindgren, 912 Valley Drive; Ron Modglin, Crawford and Associates; Janice McConnaughy; and William Bateman, The Courier..

The Mayor explained that the purpose of the variance hearing was to take comments from the public regarding construction of an addition to the Imanda DeWalt property at 912 Glenn which does not meet the 10' side setbacks required. Ralph Graul, Building Inspector, indicated that the addition of a garage was started without the building permit being acquired. The owner indicated that the contractor assured her that the building permit was obtained. Imanda DeWalt stated that she had a survey. The Mayor stated that we have to rely on our engineer to give us correct measurements on this survey.

Jonnell Herron, 908 and 910 Glenn, stated that she owns the lot adjacent to the DeWalt property and that even though she has had her property surveyed, the markers have been totally ignored by Ms. DeWalt. She objects to this variance. Her understanding is that she must have at least ten feet from her property line and she feels that the City should enforce the codes as written.

Rich Byrnes, 914 Glenn, stated that he also has an up-to-date survey to his lot which is on the east side of the property in question. He objects to this variance and read information regarding the requirement of applying for a building permit before construction is begun. Byrnes stated that he has had issues with Ms. DeWalt in the past regarding property lines and he is opposed to this variance. Ms. DeWalt rebutted Mr. Byrnes statements saying that she was in her house before anyone else was in the area and she feels that she is being harassed.

Jonnell Herron stated that she has tried to work with Ms. DeWalt in the past and was threatened and sworn to and received no resolution of her concerns. Ms. DeWalt asked for rebuttal and the Mayor stated that we are taking no more comments unless it related to the existing variance hearing.

The Mayor asked if there were any additional comments from the Council members or audience and then closed the variance hearing at 6:28 p.m.