



**January 28, 2014  
City of Carterville  
Variance Hearing – Kevin Brunk**

The hearing was held in the Council Chamber and was opened at 6:30 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 McConaughy; and William Bateman, The Courier..

The Mayor explained that the purpose of the variance hearing was to take comments from the public regarding the operation of a gun and ammunition store at 914 Valley Drive (R-1 Zoning). Kevin Brunk is asking for a temporary (90 day) variance to this zoning so that he can move his operation to a store front on Commerce Drive.

*Ralph Graul, Building Inspector, explained the violation as Kevin Brunk's home is in R-1 zoning and does not allow the operation of a gun and ammunition store.*

*Kevin Brunk indicated that he has already signed a lease for a building, formerly operated as Zwick's Bridal Shop, on Commerce (building owned by Robert Bisching). He is planning to move in by March 1, 2014. He indicated that he was not aware that he was doing anything wrong when he opened his shop in his home.*

*Curtis Oetjen asked how much time he needed for this variance and Brunk indicated he hoped to be open in the new location by March 3, 2014. The Mayor stated that the request is for 90 days.*

*Stuart and Kathleen Miller and another neighbor indicated their support for Mr. Brunk and stated that because of the required surveillance for this shop they felt better protected.*

The Mayor asked if there were any additional comments from the Council members or audience and then closed the variance hearing at 6:34 p.m.