



City of Carterville
October 27, 2015 – 6:45 p.m. – Greg and Pam Meracle, 102 Carter

The hearing was held in the Council Chamber and was opened at 6:45 p.m. by Mayor Robinson.

Those present were: Mayor Bradley Robinson; Phyllis Emery, Alderman/Ward 4; Tom Liebenrood, Alderman/Ward 4; Michele Edwards, City Clerk; Mike Helfrich, Alderman/Ward 2; Curt Oetjen, Alderman/Ward 2; John Gooden, Alderman/Ward 3; 1; Ron Rains, Fire Chief; Denise and Steven Lawrence, 436 E. Illinois Avenue; Bill Kirk, Planning/Zoning Committee (6:40 p.m.); Retia Watson, Secretary/Bookkeeper; Marvin Oetjen, Kamper Supply; Ralph Graul, Building Inspector; and Janice McConnaughy.

The purpose of the variance hearing was to take comments from the public regarding a variance request from Greg and Pam Meracle at 102 Carter asking for placement of a double-wide trailer to replace an old single-wide trailer on an R-2 zoned lot.

Ralph Graul explained that the property at the corner of Ridge and Carter has an existing trailer with a detached garage that is in bad shape. The plan is to remove both of these structures and place a double-wide mobile home (almost 1500 square feet with our minimum at 1200 square feet) on a foundation. The reason for the variance is that this property is in an R-2 zone and mobile homes are only allowed in R-3. This property is just south a couple hundred feet from the R-3 zone. The mobile home installation meets all of our current setbacks.

Tom Liebenrood asked if the request was to change the zoning or to allow a variance for this particular property. The Mayor explained that the initial request was to be rezoned but the committee felt that the variance would be more palatable to the Council. Their intention is that the property remain R-2 and the variance would remain during the life of that property owner.

There were no additional comments from the public or the Council. The Mayor stated that action would be taken on this variance at the Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The hearing was closed at 6:49 p.m.