



City of Carterville
October 27, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
Variance Hearing – Phyllis Emery, 433 E. Illinois Avenue

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; 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 Phyllis Emery at 433 E. Illinois Avenue for placement of a portable carport in the side yard of this property.

Ralph Graul explained that the need for this variance is to allow placement of a carport close to the house due to the elevation of the property where the carport needs to be installed. This structure meets the accessory structure setback but is closer than 6' from the house.

Denise and Steven Lawrence asked about the existing carport, but they had the wrong property in mind. They own 436 E. Illinois and did not understand the process that is used to approve/deny this variance. The Mayor explained that all adjoining property owners must be notified (excluding streets). Denise Lawrence attended to find out about what is involved in a variance and did not have any objection to this installation.

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 6:38 p.m.