

CITY OF OSKALOOSA
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2018

A regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Adjustment for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 5:07 pm on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 by Chairperson Perry Murry at the City Hall Council Chamber 220 South Market Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Perry Murry, Wyndell Campbell, Scott Moore and Cody Landgrebe.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Jensen and Mike Flahive.

OTHERS PRESENT: Allen Westercamp and three members from Fellowship Bible Church.

Minutes from the October 10, 2017 Board of Adjustment meeting.

It was moved by Campbell, second by Landgrebe to approve the October 10, 2017 Board of Adjustment Commission minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be heard

None.

Consider a request for variance from the allowed minimum rear setbacks for the property located at 1000 A Ave West a/k/a Fellowship Bible Church

Murry asked if there were any communications from the public, and with none to report, Murry opened the public hearing on the variance request. Allen Westercamp from Fellowship Bible Church spoke in support of the variance. He stated that the variance would allow the church to expand as planned and designed by the engineer and would not detract from the looks of the adjacent properties. Moore asked what the hardship was for in the request of the variance. Westercamp stated that the variance would allow the church to expand to the size necessary to accommodate parishioners during church and Sunday school services.

Campbell spoke in regards to the current setbacks for the zoning district. Jensen clarified the setbacks and what the church is requesting. Jensen stated that if approved, the project will go to the Planning & Zoning and City Council for a full site plan review approval process.

Jensen also stated that he wanted to provide full disclosure to the Board that he is a member of Fellowship Bible Church, and as such he personally helped prepare the variance application. Jensen said that to avoid any appearance of improper influence, other city staff prepared the materials for this agenda item. The Board asked about the staff recommendation in regard to this item. Flahive said that city staff withdraws the recommendation in the agenda packet and will abstain from any recommendation in regard to this item.

On motion by Moore, second by Landgrebe, the Board of Adjustment approved the variance request as presented. Vote: Yes: Murry, Moore and Landgrebe. No: None; Abstain: Campbell. Motion passed.

Other business: Campbell spoke in regards to the current attendance policy for all committees. Murry spoke in favor of adding the topic to the agenda for the next scheduled Board of Adjustment meeting.

With no further business, Murry made a motion and seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 PM.

Minutes by: Mike Flahive