

**City of Ottertail
Special Meeting
City Hall, October 25, 2024 – 9:00 AM**

Council Members Present: Mayor Ron Grobeck, Mike Windey, Jill Carlson, and Jan Hill
Staff Present: Amanda Thorson, Clerk-Treasurer; Patty Hensel, Deputy Clerk; and Justin Lohse, Maintenance Coordinator
Other’s Present: Matthew Thalmann

SPECIAL MEETING

VARIANCE HEARING FOR M. THALMANN Mayor Grobeck opened the public hearing at 9:00 AM. Clerk Thorson presented the staff report on Mr. Thalmann’s variance request. Mr. Thalmann seeks a variance from Ottertail City Code §151.032(A)(7), the placement of storage/cargo containers as defined in §151.033 shall be prohibited for the construction of a dwelling or any temporary storage and/or living accommodation. Mr. Thalmann presented detailed drawings of the proposed dwelling exterior for the council's review, noting that it will be finished with wood cladding, brick, and stucco. With no additional comment from the public, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Carlson, seconded by Hill, and carried. The hearing concluded at 9:16 AM.

Mayor Grobeck opened the Special Meeting at 9:16 AM, council determined the request would not alter the neighborhood’s essential character. Council member Hill moved to approve Variance Request 2024-42 with the following conditions: (1) No additional storage or cargo containers may remain on the property once construction is complete, (2) the house must be finished with an exterior that fully conceals the cargo containers, and (3) the applicant must adhere strictly to the approved zoning application and submitted plans. Carlson seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Council Member Carlson moved to close the special meeting, seconded by Hill, all voted in favor. The special meeting closed at 9:17 AM.

Respectfully,

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Amanda Thorson
Clerk-Treasurer

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Ronald Grobeck
Mayor