

**City of Ottertail,  
Variance Hearing &  
Special Meeting  
City Hall, October 8, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

Council Members Present were: Mayor Myron Lueders, Jill Carlson, Ron Grobeck, Judah Burlingame (via Zoom) and Mike Windey.

Staff Present were: Clerk-Administrator Elaine Hanson; Maintenance Coordinator Justin Lohse; Deputy Clerk Amanda Thorson; Fire Chief Stuart Fleischauer.

Also Present were: David Nuemeister +1; Kyle Davis; Jake Huebsch, Sourcewell Planning & Zoning.

**Call to Order** by Mayor Lueders at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VARIANCE HEARING FOR KYLE DAVIS**

After published and notification to property owners within 350', Kyle Davis came before the Council to request a variance from Chapter 151.031 concerning set-backs from lot line. Mr. Davis wishes to seek a set back of 2' varying from the required 10' while building an attached 3 stall garage with bedrooms above. Maximum height restrictions as an attached garage is 35 ft. Due to his growing family and needs for his business, Mr. Davis felt that the proximity of the original building site restricted the location of his addition. The variance would enable him to shelter his vehicles as well as add bedroom space for his growing family.

David Nuemeister addressed the Council regarding concerns of future development of the property known as "the Hellbush property." No other concerns from the area property owners.

With no other comments, the public hearing was closed with a motion by Carlson and second by Grobeck. Carried.

Mayor Lueders opened the Special meeting.

Jake Huebsch, Sourcewell, provided background information in the staff report presented. 10 Findings by staff and recommendations were the Council should provide findings as part of their approval. The Council made these findings: 1) The area is low density and Council didn't see a concern with traffic volumes. 2) The proposed addition would align with the existing dwelling and would fit in with the character of the property and the neighborhood. 3) There is no development on the adjacent parcel to the east. 4) Based on history, any future development on the adjacent property might be hindered based on environmental concerns. 5) There were no objections from the surrounding property owners.

Motion made by Carlson and second by Windey to approve the variance contingent on no issues from DNR as the property is in the shoreland district. All voted in favor, carried.

Zoning Permits:

Eric Gabrielson – two duplexes on property recently purchased from the City.

Hill Top Lumber – Cold storage behind original storage located north of alley.

With no other business to discuss, the Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m. a motion by Grobeck and second by Carlson. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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s/s  
Elaine Hanson, Clerk-Administrator

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s/s  
Myron J. Lueders, Mayor