

# **MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**January 9, 2023 – 5:15 p.m.  
City Hall Commission Room**

## **1. Call to order**

Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

## **2. Roll Call**

Board members: Rich Ivey, Slade Weller, Kevin Tveidt, Dave Kelley, Ron McMahon  
City Staff present: Matt Elberson  
Applicants present: Kevin Donovan

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

McMahon moved to approve, seconded by Ivey. Minutes of 12/5/22 were approved 5-0.

## **4. Request for Variance Application - Kevin Donovan, 322 S. Monroe Ave**

Owner/Applicant seeking approval for the following variances:

- a. Over-height fence on corner lot

Donovan stated that they had bought the house, it is their first house and they have 3 young children. They want the fence for privacy for the children. He knows the lattice will work, but wants more privacy. He works at the jail and the house is on a main road and there are good and bad people walking by. Some people make them uncomfortable. They want the fence for safety so the kids can't be seen. People know he lives there and having 2 more feet of fence would be great. Martin Brothers Fencing designed the fence so it would not block sightlines.

McMahon asked about putting the fence at the setback line, Donovan said they had already purchased the materials to build the fence per the plans. They want to keep the fence as shown because they would like to do a deck in the back yard at some point.

Kelley stated that ordinance allows 4' plus the lattice, or build at setback line. Not sure if a hardship exists. Ivey understands the concern for safety, and with the fence being at least 20' from the path 4' plus lattice would be appropriate. Tveidt asked if the request for privacy height was because the materials were already purchased, Donovan stated the contractor was not aware of the property shape.

Tveidt asked if the city had heard any comments, Elberson said they had not. Donovan said they talked to the neighbors and they did not have concerns.

Kelley asked for a motion, McMahon moved to deny request, he stated that the lattice, plus the distance and slope help reduce visibility into the yard. Weller seconded the denial. 5-0 to deny request.

Kelley stated after the denial that the fencing contractor should know the fence rules and should verify lot line locations.

## **5. Additional Items**

None addressed

## **6. Adjournment**

Kelley moved to adjourn, seconded by Tveidt. 5-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.