

CITY OF OSKALOOSA
MINUTES OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
September 24, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Adjustment for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, by Acting Chairperson Russell Sparks, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 220 South Market Street, Oskaloosa, IA.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Perry Murry, Lloyd Phillips, Wyatt Russell, and Russell Sparks

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Hansen

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director, Akhilesh Pal

Minutes from the August 27, 2013 Board of Adjustment meeting.

Murry moved and Russell seconded the approval of the minutes from the August 27, 2013 meeting. The vote was: **YES**: Murry, Phillips, Russell, and Sparks; **No**: None; **ABSENT**: Hansen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 5-A: Review of policies and procedure for the Board of Adjustment.

Members reviewed the powers and duties of the board of adjustments and discussed about the details of hardship relating to all variance request. Murry moved and Phillips seconded the approval of this item. The vote was: **YES**: Murry, Phillips, Russell, and Sparks; **No**: None; **ABSENT**: Hansen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Item 5-B: Consider a variance to build a 8'8" privacy fence along the side and rear yard of property located at 1106 A Avenue East.

Board received the details of the fence project from the variance applicant, Michele Voss. There were neighboring residents, Sheila Pace - 1102 A Avenue East, Matthew Baumert - 1125 High Ave W, and David Wright - 1118 A Ave E who opposed to the variance request. Board discussed possible impacts and to avoid future precedence, Lloyd moved and Murry seconded to deny the variance request. The vote was: **YES**: Murry, Phillips, and Russell; **Abstain**: Sparks; **No**: None; **ABSENT**: Hansen. Russell Sparks abstained from taking the vote because his property at 1129 High Ave E is adjoining to the applicant's property. The variance request was unanimously denied.

Item 5-B: Nomination of Chair Person and Vice Chair Person.

The Board unanimously agreed to elect Perry Murry as the Chair Person and Wyatt Russell as the Vice Chair Person.

With no further business, Acting Chairperson Sparks adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Minutes by Akhilesh Pal