

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – Harlan, Iowa – August 15, 2024

The Board of Adjustment of the City of Harlan met pursuant to the law and the rules of said Board in special session in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 3:00 P.M. on the 15th day of August 2024. Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order, and the following members were:

Present: Mike Burroughs, Mike Christensen, Ruthanne Grimsley, Doug Hammer

Absent: Julie Olson

Also Present: Board Secretary Susan Brammann, Zoning Administrator Gene Gettys, Building Inspector Roger Bissen, Code Enforcement Officer Jack Gubbels

The Chairman presented the agenda. It was moved by Grimsley and seconded by Burroughs that the agenda be approved. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Christensen asked that any conflicts of interest be stated. None were stated.

It was moved by Hammer and seconded by Grimsley to approve the minutes from the 07/29/24 meeting. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Christensen announced that this was the date, time, and place for the public hearing regarding:

- a. CASE BA2024-006 – Application by Corey Sorensen for a front yard 6’ fence variance at property located at 1316 16th St., Harlan, IA.

Motion to open meeting by Burroughs and seconded by Hammer. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Petitioner was present to request a 6’ vinyl fence variance on SE corner of house to 4’ N of sidewalk and 37’ along Southside of yard.

Gettys Zoning Admin stated that there is a precedence set for 6’ fences on corner lots and each case should be reviewed for safety and line of sight. There are no safety issues seen in this case per Gene Gettys and Roger Bissen.

Neighbors: None Present – there was one phone call from a neighbor that stated that they have no issue with fence being put up.

It was moved by Grimsley and seconded by Burroughs to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Burroughs and seconded by Grimsley to approve the application. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Other Business: No other business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Susan Brammann

Susan Brammann, Secretary

Mike Christensen, Chairperson

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to Board approval at the next called meeting.