The following members were present:
Mark Sanderson; Dan Jones; Dave Richards (quorum not met)

Others present:
Mayor, Brad Ahrenstorff; Councilor, Gina Cooper; Councilor, Larry Schultz; City Administrator, Taylor Gronau; City Attorney, Chris Kennedy; Barry Jacques; Chuck Slama; Dwayne Hoechst; Dave Hoechst (via conference call)

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Jones at 6:40 p.m.

A public hearing was held on the request of David and Shannon Hoechst, who had requested a building permit and variance for the construction of a private garage at 411 West Humphrey Street in the City of Lake Crystal.

The variance would grant exception to the following:

1. The twenty-five feet (25’) rear yard setback requirement from the north property line; and
2. The eight feet (8’) side yard setback requirement from the east property line.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoechst had requested to construct the building approximately five feet (5’) from the north property line and one foot (1’) from the east property line. Staff provided comments on the request and noted that an overhead electric utility line runs along the north property line. The City needs at least a ten feet (10’) wide access from the street and along the property line to service the line. Several Commissioners made comments or asked questions regarding the matter. No one spoke against the proposed action. Secretary Jones closed the public hearing.

No action was taken, but the members agreed the variance should be approved with the following restrictions:

1. The building must be set back at least 10’ (not the proposed 5’) from the north property line.
2. The building must be set back at least 10’ (not the proposed 9’) from the west property line.
3. The building must be set back at least 1’ from the east property line.
4. The privacy fence being moved can be no taller than 6’ in height and must meet the City’s set back requirements for a fence (2’ from the property line unless permission is obtained from the abutting property owner to put it on the property line).
5. Construction must conform with the City’s façade standards (Title 15, Section 156.59, Letter G).

6. Any construction shall be in strict compliance with any and all codes, conditions and requirements of the State of Minnesota, Blue Earth County and the City of Lake Crystal.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dan Jones
Secretary