

Minutes - Woodbury County Board of Adjustment Meeting April 2, 2018

The Board of Adjustment (BOA) meeting convened on the 2nd of April 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room Number 104 in the County Courthouse, 620 Douglas Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

BOA Members Present: Bob Brouillette, Katie Colling, Tom Thiesen, Dwight Rorholm, JoAnn Sadler
Staff Present: David Gleiser, Dawn Norton, Dan Priestley
Public Present: None

Chairperson Rorholm called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda items.

The March 5, 2018 meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Brouillette, second by Colling. Carried 5-0.

Informational presentation by Gleiser regarding Zoning District for firework sales in unincorporated areas of Woodbury County. On 3/6/18 the Board of Supervisor's (BOS) requested Zoning Commission (ZC) and Board of Adjustment (BOA) to develop a recommendation on zoning districts where the sales of fireworks could occur in unincorporated Woodbury County. Public meetings were held in Merville and Salix, county departments and agencies possibly impacted were notified and asked for comment. The consensus has been to allow retail sales in General Commercial (GC) zoned areas. Wholesale firework sales would be allowed in Limited Industrial (LI).

Members were informed that a Public Hearing and first reading of the amendment will occur at the BOS meeting on April 3. There will be three readings, with the times and dates published in the Sioux City Journal. The amendment will be formally adopted upon publishing the amendment after the third reading.

Staff will also propose that the BOS adopt a standalone ordinance for fireworks use, sales, and display permits in unincorporated Woodbury County. This will include language on the use of fireworks during time allowed by the State; retail sales location in GC zones, wholesale in LI; and an application for display permits to be provided, accepted and reviewed by the Community and Economic Development office, then placed on the BOS agenda for approval through a resolution. This ordinance only requires action from the BOS, although the ZC, BOA, relevant county departments and outside agencies have been provided the opportunity to make comment.

Rorholm asked about firework discharge in parks. Gleiser stated they can only be used on private property with the owner's consent. Conservation will not allow fireworks.

Brouillette asked about the liability insurance. Gleiser stated the draft was set at the State minimum of \$300,000, it was suggested in the ZC meeting to be increased, staff will check with County Attorney.

Thiesen asked about sales at another location on Hwy 20, Gleiser stated if it is in GC it would be an accepted area if the owner obtained a license for sale from the State.

Brouillette made a motion to accept reviewed information with no concerns; Sadler seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 7, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. Motion by Brouillette, second by Colling. Carried 5-0.