

**MINUTES  
CREDIT UNION VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING**

**MARCH 14, 2012**

Mayor Jeff Thompson opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Jeff Bertram, Jean Soine, Dennis Zimmerman, and Gene Beavers. Others present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; Jennifer Welling, Administrative Assistant; Stephanie Hormann, Cable Coordinator; Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Bill Spooner, City Attorney; Tom Peck, Diane Kodet, Credit Union; Mark Eckerly, Chuck Buggs, Bob Dickhaus, Stearns County Sherriff's Department; Deacon Jim Schultzenberg, Doris Wendlandt, Tom Wendlandt, Ellarry Prentice, Press; Joe Schmitz, Ruth Heitke, Delane Burr, Bob McDaniel, and Trisha Williams.

The Central Minnesota Credit Union owners of 1025 Main St. W. (future Credit Union site) have submitted a 2-part Variance Application. They wish to construct a 6,875 square foot building with ATM and drive thru business lanes. The overhang for these drive thru lanes will not meet the 20 foot rear (south) setback, but will rather be 15 feet; therefore, the need of a 5 foot rear setback variance. The second part, is they wish to erect a sign on the east side of their property. They cannot meet the 300 foot set back from an intersection, but will rather be 110 feet; therefore, the need of a 190 foot intersection variance. The Planning Commission has reviewed this and recommends approval.

Tom Peck reviewed the layout and the need for the two variances. Diane Kodet reported that she has had some informal conversations with neighbors, but something more formal will be done.

There being no further comments or questions the public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.