

**MINUTES  
VOGELPOHL & LEWIS VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING**

**MAY 12, 2014**

Mayor Jeff Thompson opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. Council members present were Kay McDaniel, Donovan Mayer, Jean Soine, and Gene Beavers. Others present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator (6:03 p.m.); Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; Jennifer Welling, Administrative Assistant; Bill Spooner, City Attorney; Ellarry Prentice, Press; Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; JoLyn Lindquist, Social Media Specialist; Bill Ludwig, Liquor Store Manager; Paul Wegner, Chief of Police; Tom Koshiol, Trail Guards; Neil Herzberg, Linda Henrichs, Bill Henrichs, Mark Dingmann, CentraCare; Dennis Miles, CentraCare; Frank Carter, CentraCare; Reed Ringstad, Sue Hecht, John Derichs, Nathen Derichs, and Dave Currens.

A Variance request has been submitted by Kelly Vogelpohl & Amanda Lewis of 305 Wendell St. They wish to erect an above ground swimming pool. They cannot meet the 30' set back from their east (side/front) property line (Stearns Ave.). According to the City Ordinance accessory structures must be set back 30' from their front property line; this property is on a corner; therefore, is double fronted. They are seeking a 17' foot variance. The owners already have a fenced yard and will have a ladder that can be locked in a position so that the pool is not accessible when not being used for safety reasons. They can meet all other zoning regulations.

Spooner explained that this is for a pool that is left up on a more permanent basis.

The Planning Commission has reviewed this and recommends approval.

There being no further comment or questions the public hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.