

**MINUTES
AMPI SILO VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING**

JUNE 16, 2014

Mayor Jeff Thompson opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Kay McDaniel, Donovan Mayer, Jean Soine, and Gene Beavers. Others present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; Jennifer Welling, Administrative Assistant; Bill Spooner, City Attorney; Ashley Peck, Press; Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Neil Herzberg, Keith Hemmesch, CenterPoint Energy; Dennis Miley, CentraCare Health Paynesville; Frank Carter, CentraCare Health Paynesville; Pat Flanders, Steve Vaske, AMPI; and Paul Wegner, Chief of Police.

The City has received a Variance Application from Associated Milk Producers, Inc., to allow the following:

- a) The replacement of existing milk silo #4 with a new silo with an actual silo height of 78 feet to be set on an existing pad, which is 6 feet above the street level, giving the silo a height of 84 feet from street level, which is 39 feet higher than the building height limitation in Chapter 11 of the City Code, Section 11.50, Subd. 5(c); and
- b) Moving existing silo #4 from its current location to a new location. Silo #4 is 54 feet in height. It will sit on an existing pad which is 27 inches above street level, giving the silo a height of 56 feet 3 inches from street level, requiring a Variance from the building height limitation of Chapter 11, Section 11.50, Subd. 5(c), of 45 feet maximum height.

Vaske stated that the facility has grown on this site and usually needs special approval for everything. This will be the 4th variance for silos and has received one for lot coverage. The new silo will look like the ones that are there now. The other silo will be moved pending an agreement with a party from Eden Valley, MN.

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