

Bancroft City Council
Monday, January 13, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING

Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Roll call showed the following council and staff members present:

Jessica M. Vawser, Eric Christensen, Nate W. Eiman, and Clerk Swensen

Absent: Mayor Spencer

Others in attendance: Roxie Holston, James Ackerman, Mike Ackerman, Jules Belyea

Call to Order: Council President, Rick Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Item: 1 Agenda

Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to accept the agenda as stated.

Cm, Nate Eiman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Item: 2 Variance Application-Mike and Roxie Holston

Council President Hatch thanked the Holston's for being thorough on their fence variance application.

Resident James Ackerman commented that he is in support of the city granting the Holston's a fence variance due to truck drivers at the grainery turning their dogs loose and letting them run around town getting into other people's yards. James commented that you can't control what other people do with their dogs and you don't know who owns them. James has seen other dogs and animals running all over town and agrees that this would help eliminate a confrontation.

Cm, Nate Eiman commented that Holston's have good reasons for filing the variance and appreciates the full explanation in the application. It has helped him with clarification and the misunderstandings he had.

Cm, Vawser asked why the Holston's didn't do this 15-20 years ago, if it is a safety issue for their son.

Cm, Vawser went through all the legal complaints recorded and there is not one from the Holston's.

Roxie Holston explained that she wants to keep good neighbor relations and won't file complaints on them. Roxie expressed that she has had to be very patient with her neighbors' animals.

Cm, Vawser commented that when it comes to the safety of her children, she would not care about offending the neighbors. Roxie commented that she hasn't always had the same neighbors and things have changed over the years. Roxie explained that she had to save up for a long time to do this project and she also had to work with ADA to see what they could do.

Roxie explained that her son cannot defend himself and she has to keep a shovel by her gate due to getting so bad with the big turkeys next door.

Cm, Vawser asked why they chose to go forward with the constructing of the fence after being told no in person by the mayor.

Roxie explained that she had asked council members what she should do before it got to this point.

Cm, Christensen reminded council that they initially had decided to not offer Holston's the opportunity to apply for a variance option. Cm, Eiman commented that having more details from Holston's regarding why they wanted the taller fence has helped him better understand their situation.

Roxie explained that they didn't know that the contractors were going to put the slats in the fence. The reason they used the slats is because they noticed how much noise was coming from the grainery while installing the fence.

Cm, Vawser is concerned that if emergency services had to respond to their home, they would not be able to see what is in the yard due to the height of the fence. Roxie explained that she's always had a fence in the front. They try to keep the dogs in the back and did move the fence back about five feet from the boundary. Roxie told council that when the mayor stopped by her house, her dog jumped over the four-foot fence in front of him. She expressed that she loves her dogs and does not want them to be a nuisance to others.

Roxie explained that her neighbors don't have a fence and she has been bitten by their goats and dogs.

Cm, Vawser asked if her neighbors are housing the goats and sheep long term or temporary.

Roxie replied that the city should find out this information on their own because she is trying to be a good neighbor.

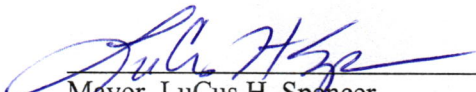
Roxie commented that there have been 23 ducks in the yard the goats don't smell good but that is not why she is here.

Adjournment

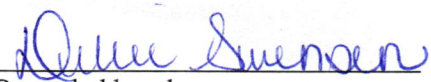
Cm, Vawser made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Cm, Nate Eiman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

2-10-2025
Date Accepted by Council



Mayor, LuCus H. Spencer



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