



City of Sidney, MT  
Zoning/Board of Adjustment Meeting  
December 06, 2023 8:00 AM  
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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Meeting ID: 830 8746 7848    Passcode: 432809    Call: 1-346-248-7799

**Zoning/Board of Adjustment Present:** Justin Jones, Jeff Hintz, Terry Meldahl, Adam Smith. Absent: David Seitz

**Other's Present:** FM/BI Rasmussen, Dave Garland (Agri Industries), Greg Hitchcock (Sidney Herald)

## 1. New Business

### a. Agri Industries Flag Pole Height Variance

Chair Jones called the public hearing for the request of Agri Industries to have a 10-foot flag pole height variance to order at 8am. The request is to have a 60-foot flag pole on their property when City code allows for a 50-foot height maximum.

Chair Jones called for any proponents to the variance request. Mr. Garland stated he has contacted Ryan Huotari at the airport and they have no issues with the proposed flag pole height. He stated the power lines across the street are more than likely taller than the proposed flag pole and it will be used to hang a nice American Flag.

Chair Jones called for any further proponents to the variance request, with none coming forward.

Chair Jones called for any opponents to the variance request, with none coming forward.

Chair Jones closed the public hearing at 8:01am.

In discussion Mr. Meldahl asked the flag size and Mr. Garland stated it will be 12-foot by 18-foot. Mr. Jones asked if the the pole will be wind rated and Mr. Meldahl asked if it is a manufactured specific flag pole and Mr. Garland stated yes to both. Mr. Jones asked if the pole was to fall, would it hit existing power lines and Mr. Garland stated the only lines close to the proposed flag pole would be communication lines and Mr. Smith added the power lines are across the street. Mr. Meldahl asked if the Building Inspector has seen the engineering drawings and Mr. Garland stated they were turned in when they applied for the permit, prompting the

variance. Mr. Meldahl asked if they could put conditions on what flags are allowed and FM/BI Rasmussen stated any advertising flags would count towards their advertising footage under the building permit codes. Mr. Meldahl asked if the pole will be lighted as flag rules state it must be if the flag is flown overnight and Mr. Garland stated they have the capabilities to light it if needed.

FM/BI Rasmussen stated he also discussed this with the airport and they relayed they have no issue with the flag pole height, as there are trees closer to the airport and taller.

Motion was made to recommend approval of the 10-foot flag pole height variance.

Motion made by Meldahl, Seconded by Hintz.

Voting Yea: Smith, Jones, Meldahl, Hintz

Adjourned: 8:08am.