



City of Sidney, MT
Zoning/Board of Adjustment Meeting 10-8-25
October 08, 2025 8:00 AM
115 2nd Street SE |Sidney, MT 59270

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1. New Business

a. Robertson- Variance

Chairman Jones opened the Zoning/Board of Adjustment Meeting for Thomas Robertson's request for variance on a proposed garage at his property at 823 6th Avenue SE. Mr. Robertson would like to build a garage that would be within 7 feet of the west property line and 5 feet from the south property line.

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing at 8:01 am.

Chairman Jones called for opponents three times. Opponent Tony King called City Hall prior to the meeting inquiring on the sight triangle of the alley if the garage was built. PWD Hintz inspected the property and stated the only obstructed sight issue would be if vehicles were parked in the driveway. He stated the solid waste vehicles would still be able to access the alley as needed for the weekly trash collection, and no light poles or fire hydrants would be affected.

Chairman Jones called for proponents three times. Prior to the meeting Brent Bowlds emailed a letter of support. Tom Robertson and Rita Oakland, homeowners, stated they looked carefully at their building plans for the past 2 years to utilize their property efficiently with regard to the neighborhood and space limitations. They plan to park on the street, not in the driveway, to not obstruct traffic visibility.

Chariman Jones closed the public hearing at 8:06 am.

PWD Hintz asked if the project could be moved a few feet north on the property. Mr. Robertson replied that would interfere with the underground sprinkler system and how the existing garage and new garage tied together.

Chairman Meldahl asked BI/FM Rasmussen if he had run the proposed plans by the police department. BI/FM Rasmussen stated he had not. Chairman Meldahl asked if there could be signs placed prohibiting driveway parking for current and/or future home owners.

BI/FM Rasmussen recommends not allowing garage doors added to the west side of the proposed garage, which faces the Sidney High School. This could help prevent traffic accidents in the alley.

PWD Hintz motion to approve variance request.

Chairman Meldahl added the condition that no parking signs placed by property owner are mandatory for the driveway.

Chairman Meldahl made the motion to approve the variance request with the mandatory driveway no parking sign condition.

Motion made by Meldahl, Seconded by Hintz.

Voting Yea: Jones, Meldahl, Hintz

Adjourned at 8:21 am.