

## **Altoona Board of Adjustment Hearing – October 6, 2015 – 6:30 PM**

Altoona City Hall

Members Present – John Rullman, Robert Hall, Mary Simon, Lea Morris

Members Absent – Dale Sikes

Staff Present – John Shaw, Chad Quick, Susi Hoots

Others Present – Bruce Cox, Jason Crimmins of Jensen Builders

Chairman Rullman called hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

**#1 Consider a request for variance from Bruce Cox, Cox Manufacturing, for the property at 701 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Altoona, Iowa. They are proposing to construct an addition onto the south side of the building and are requesting a variance to allow them to orient an overhead door toward a public right-of-way. Chapter 171.01(2)(I)(1) states that overhead doors shall not be oriented toward public right-of-ways.**

Bruce Cox, 701 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue N, Altoona, Iowa, presented the request by explaining that the business ships product all over the country. The products may have to be stored for months. Covering and enclosing the dock will make it safer and alleviate some theft problems in addition to providing protection from weather.

Discussion ensued regarding truck access, the property's grade elevations, and possibility of future expansion.

Morris asked about the existing overhead doors. Shaw said the existing doors predate the current ordinance and therefore did not require a variance.

The City Council has approved the site plan subject to Board of Adjustment granting this variance.

**Simon moved to approve the variance request as presented. Seconded by Morris. Vote: Yes – Simon, Morris, Hall, Rullman. No – None.**

**#2. Hall moved to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 hearing as presented. Seconded by Simon. Vote: Yes – Hall, Simon, Morris, Rullman. No – None.**

**#3. Due to Election Day, next meeting/hearing will be Tuesday, November 10, 2015, or November 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. if needed.**

Hearing Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susi Hoots

Community Development Administrative Coordinator