

**City of Mt. Washington
Storm Water Board Meeting
June 14, 2023
Fick Hall**

Mayor Owen called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following council members present:

CM Layne Abell
CM Greg Gentry
CM Bruce Gooden
CW Sandra Hockenbury
CM Curt Hudson.
CM Troy Barr

Also present: City Attorney Thomas Hamilton, City Administrator Harry Webster, Building Official Anthony Branham, and Chief Marcus Laytham.

Easement Review

Mayor Owen stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider a variance by the Storm Water Board. Mr. Justin Pruitt, the homeowner, was denied a permit to build a four-board fence because the fence would be placed in a drainage easement. Mr. Pruitt, present at the meeting, stated that the variance is needed because kids use his backyard as a cut-through. He believes it to be a safety concern and that a fence will help mitigate the issue.

Thomas Hamilton, City Attorney, stated that he was not confident that the Storm Water Board had the authority to grant the variance. He requested additional time to research the matter and could have the information before the next meeting.

CM Abell asked Anthony Branham, the Department of Land Use Director if a permit was required to build a fence. Anthony responded that a permit was indeed necessary.

CM Barr stated that he would not feel comfortable deciding without first seeing the property. He said he would inspect the property before the follow-up meeting.

Mr. Branham stated that the property does have a small backyard; however, the easement was on the property plat, which makes it difficult for him to approve.

CM Gentry stated that the Council would do additional research on the matter and set up a follow-up meeting with Mr. Pruitt.

The Council agreed to have a follow-up meeting on June 26, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion for the council, CM Barr made a motion and CM Gentry seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM.

Harry Webster
City Administrator

Stuart Owen
Mayor