

fighting and creates more safety hazards for the rest of the fire fighters. “There are usually the bare minimum of fire fighters on the scenes as it is. If you take someone away from the activities that are set up, you will lose a safety officer; who is there to oversee and watch everything that is going on the fire grounds; which increases the odds of someone getting hurt.”

A lot of injuries come from off loading of the propane trucks to the tanks. There are designated truck routes; which keeps the trucks from going through town except on certain routes. A propane truck cannot park inside the city limits of Sherman for more than 30 minutes at a time. The Fire Marshal explained if propane tanks were allowed at every residential home in Sherman, you are creating a much greater risk for the city. Tanks should not be used for residential utilities because you will deplete the supply of the gas more often; which means more trucks are in that area more often to fill the tanks.

The ordinance was changed last year to allow propane tanks to be used to heat swimming pools and hot tubs in the incorporated city limits if natural gas is not available within 300 feet of the property line, providing the lot size is a minimum of one acre with all adjoining lots having a minimum of one acre; the tank cannot exceed 500 gallon capacity; and the tank must be inspected by the Fire Marshal.

Steve & Anna Keller, 7022 Midcrest Drive, Dallas, Texas

Mr. & Mrs. Keller appeared to represent the request. Mr. Keller explained they are in the process of constructing a new home at 1901 Skaggs Road. The property is located in northeast Sherman between Tuck Street and U.S. Highway 82 East. They explained the property is all owned by family members and everything around them is farmland. The nearest natural gas line is one mile; they would like to have natural gas but it would be too expensive to extend the lines. The closest house to them that they do not own is one mile. Mr. Keller explained electric is an alternative but it is more expensive. They are moving from Dallas to cut down on some of the expenses.

Scott Shadden, Director Development Services

Mr. Shadden explained the proposal is for a new house to be constructed on the Skaggs property that will be in between houses that already have propane for heating and utilities.

Roy Thomas, General Contractor for the Keller's.

Mr. Thomas explained the Keller's are approximately three quarters of a mile from Enderby Gas on Highway 82 and the Case Equipment Facility which also has propane. The Keller's would like to install a tankless hot water heater, a cook top and heat their new home by propane.

No other citizens appeared before the Construction Board of

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Adjustments and Appeals to discuss the variance.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Board Member Morgan to approve the request for to allow a liquid propane tank in excess of 10 gallons inside the city limits of Sherman to be used for residential utilities at 1901 Skaggs Road. Second by Board Member Schmidgall.

VOTING AYE: JACKSON, SCHMIDGALL, MORGAN, AND DUTTON

VOTING NAY: HIPPS.

MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD FELT THE REQUEST CONFORMS TO THE INTENT OF THE ORDINANCE.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business came before the board.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY