

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
Public Hearing
December 9, 2019

Mayor Steven George called the Public Hearing to order on December 9, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. Board members Michael Goentzel, Joyce Priddy and James Lowe were present. Also present for the hearing was: Beth McPherson, Joyce Burch, Mel Braneff, and Ed Farrand.

Mayor George opened the hearing to receive public comment. The hearing was scheduled to provide citizens with an opportunity to comment on three new ordinances for Medical Marijuana. Specifically covering definitions, facilities allowed by special use exception and requirements, and signage for those types of businesses. The fourth ordinance pertained to Streetlight Pole Banners in the Historic District.

Joyce Burch, resident at 616 Edward Street, said she hoped the Board would consider not allowing medical marijuana in town. It is her understanding it is used for pain management, and there are many prescription drugs on the market for pain. Everyone knows about the "opioid crisis" and in her opinion this would lead to a medical marijuana crisis. Marijuana is still marijuana and is an addictive drug. Mrs. Burch stated it was a gateway drug and she hated to see it in town. If allowed, recreational marijuana will follow. She fears an even bigger crisis if that happens.

Kim Kirby reported the proper notices were placed in the newspaper for three weeks and no comments had been received from the public prior to the hearing.

Mayor George asked for any further comments from the public. Hearing none he announced the public hearing was closed at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Kirby, City Clerk

Minutes approved January 13, 2020

Attest:

Steven George, Mayor

Kim Kirby, City Clerk