

Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chamber at 220 Stout Street, Chetek, WI

Council president, Scott Bachowski, called the hearing to order.

Present: Mark Eby, Denise Moran, Mark Edwards, Scott Bachowski.

Absent: Mayor, Jeff Martin

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the petition for text amendment to the Light Industrial District filed by John Pierce. Petitioner is requesting to allow junk/salvage storage in the Light Industrial District as a conditional use. Property affected is located at 304 4th Street.

Resident, Douglas Steen, asked why this would be allowed near a residential district. He feels the junk is ugly and would devalue their home value.

John Pierce stated he has had the salvage there for quite a few years. He said it is a convenience for businesses when they need to get rid of scrap. He wouldn't be opposed to fencing in some of the area. He also stated that the Plan Commission members at the August 23rd meeting said they wouldn't be opposed to doing a text amendment - that is why he applied for the text amendment. At the next Plan Commission meeting they made a motion to recommend to deny the text amendment application.

Cherri Becker, residing at 413 Tainter Street, sent in a written, notarized statement stating she was objecting to the text amendment as she feels it does not fit the character of the neighborhood.

Mike Miller, property owner on Ridgeway, was not able to attend the hearing but called to express his concern with allowing the storing of salvage at 304 4th Street. He felt it would be detrimental to the value of the new twin homes he has built on Ridgeway.

Mark Edwards asked John Pierce if he was able to store the scrap in one of his buildings that he has along 4th Street. John stated they are already full. He does have one building without a roof that could house the scrap but it was not convenient for people dropping off items as he then has to move them into the building.

Motion to close the hearing by Edwards, 2nd by Eby. carried.