

# PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

## Topic: Mohr/White Rezoning

March 27, 2023

President Jerry Mazur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. indicating that the public meeting was to discuss a requested zoning change from the present R-2 to an I-1 zoning by properties owned by The Mohr Organization, LLC by Cory Mohr and properties owned by John E. And Kathy White.

All city council members were present with Agler abstaining.

Property owners adjacent to the properties in question expressed their concerns of the property on Main Street that is currently used as a cardboard recycling operation owned by Eugene White.

Joy Short, 920 E Main stated she has an Airbnb located at 918 East Main Street near the properties in question. The property receives four stars for the location but there have been side notes of the cleanliness of the outside of the property due to the cardboard bales. She is concerned if the property is rezoned it will continue to have cardboard on her property.

— Eugene White owner of the cardboard business, stated that the cardboard could not be sold for eight months and had to be bailed up until it could be profitable to sell, which caused a backlog. He indicated that he is in the process of selling the cardboard and cleaning up the property. He has purchased five acres of land outside of the city limits which will eventually hold the cardboard bales.

Kathy White also indicated that the issue of cardboard not being profitable for eight months was a nationwide issue and not just a Van Wert issue.

White also indicated that if the property is not rezoned he will not take the city's cardboard and will move the dumpsters out of the city limits.

Cory Mohr of The Mohr Organization LLC indicated that he would like all four of the properties discussed to be rezoned. He indicated he had no place to park his work vehicles for Young's Trash. He would also like to build a large building to park his trucks in the future. He also indicated that he would also like to make a rental property in the future on the property.

— Brent Mohr, Jackson Street also indicated that he has to pick cardboard up out of his yard and asked if a fence could be put up. White indicated that a fence cannot be put up unless they close off the alley.

Mark Davis, 402 South Tyler, questioned if the business was in place prior to the rezoning to residential that it should be grandfathered in and believes they are only violating the litter law.

Jerry Mazur indicated that the meeting would need to be adjourned as it was time for the regular City Council meeting.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Lisa K. Hartsock  
Clerk of Council  
Lisa K. Hartsock

Gerald T. Mazur  
Council President  
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04/10/2023  
Date