



CITY OF ROCK HILL

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**City of Rock Hill
Minutes for the Board of Aldermen special meeting,
Tuesday, July 6, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

1. Mayor Mahan called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.
2. The following members of the Aldermanic Board were in attendance: Alderman Took, Alderman Davis, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Westfall, and Alderman Rappold. Alderman Wofford was absent.
3. Sgt. Eckles presented his findings after a visit to both properties. Sgt. Eckles recommended that the bee hive be moved to the north side of the garage with the opening facing north and a flight barrier be installed.
4. Dolores Krabfl of 9901 Hudson commented that she has been a long time resident and she was stung in her back yard and now will not use her back yard due to bees.
5. Christine Cuba of 9905 Hudson commented that the Benners never contacted her about getting a bee hive and does not approve of the bees being at 1105 Gilbert.
6. David Bruns, the son of the owners of 1103 Gilbert commented that he is very opposed to the bees being kept at 1105 Gilbert. He mentioned that he is angry that during the last meeting the Benners publicly displayed images of his children without his consent. He requests that the Board of Aldermen review this issue in regards to the City Code regarding nuisances.
7. Joe Bruns of 1103 Gilbert thanked the Aldermen for coming out to his property to see for themselves what the situation was. Expressed his opinion that the bees being kept next door are creating a nuisance and this is hindering his and his family's use of his property.
8. Christine Cuba of 9905 Hudson explained that she shares a rear border with 1105 Gilbert. Ms. Cuba said that she has grandchildren and they are afraid of bees and she was never asked her thoughts on her neighbors getting bees. Ms. Cuba stated she wants the bees to be removed.
9. Ryan Koppy, Bee Keeper commented that bees travel up to 5 miles and that there is no absolute way to know if the bees that the Bruns' are concerned with are the bees from 1105 Gilbert or if they are from another hive. Stated that removing the bees will not remove the issue.
10. The Board of Aldermen discussed all of the issues brought up in regards to the bees being kept at 1105 Gilbert. All present members of the Board of Aldermen agreed that the Benners should make the changes proposed by Sgt. Eckles and then revisit whether or not those changes have been effective.
11. Mayor Mahan made apology to the Bruns' for the City not previously having regulations for the keeping of bees. Mayor Mahan told 1105 Gilbert to make the proposed changes of moving the hive and adding a fly away barrier. Then the City will check in on the status of this issue in roughly a month.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58