

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall

September 4, 2015 @ 4PM

Present Were: Don Parrish, Guyula Johnson, Kim Maupin, David Nalley, David Rust, Crystal Newton, Scott Newton, Austin Fletcher, Trevor Pike, Timmy Bartley, Angela Mattingly, K.C. Holbert, Mike Morris (Commissioner), Chris Cecil (Commissioner), Jane Masse (Commissioner), Nicole Pinkston (Commissioner), Jeff Rogers (Mayor), Kacie Emerson-Goode, Keith Metcalf and Joanie Corbin

The Mayor called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

Jane Masse addressed the board by stating the following:

We have all had many calls, conversations and questions regarding the property lines at 144 Main Street (formerly known as the Big Blue). We have had John Young Howard, who originally surveyed the property when it was divided in 1992, review the property lines and confirmed that a fence that is being erected on the adjacent property does not infringe upon the property owned by the City of New Haven. Furthermore, all no-city owned items have been removed from our property.

The mayor asked the board and guests if they had any questions or comments.

Scott Newton addressed the board by stating the following:

- 1 - His property is zoned B-4, which makes it legal for him to have a lumber yard.
- 2 - He will be running a legit business in the city limits of New Haven.
- 3 – Stated that 95% of his sales will be sold off site. Only online sales will be housed in New Haven.
- 4 - The gate that he will be erecting will open onto his property and not city property.
- 5 - The fence will be on his property, not city's property.
- 6 - He was provided guidelines by Dean Watts that he will be following.
- 7 - If the city/residents wanted to get technical that they could discuss whose land the corner of Big Blue is on.
- 8 - He asked for permission to enter/exit his gate on city property.
- 9 - He stated that if he had to split the property with a fence on the property line that the city would only have 25 foot of parking lot.
- 10- He suggested continuing to use the parking lot jointly, as it has always been used.
- 11- If the city wanted him to erect a fence down the center of the parking lot on his property line, he would do that, but the city would not be able to use his property for parking.
- 12 - He thanked the board for calling a special meeting to get this issue resolved.

Guyula Johnson stated the following concerns.

- 1 - The Enhancement Team has put over \$15,000 into the Big Blue Building (windows & roof), so she doesn't want to see the place junked up around it.

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2 - She didn't want to see a "No Parking/Blocking" sign put up on the front of his gate. She didn't think that people should be restricted from parking in the lot, even if it was in front of his gate.

3 - She thought that the city should make Scott put a fence on his property and not allow him to use city property to access his property.

4 - She questioned whether the city would be allowing Scott to access his property through city property.

Don Parrish (KRM Representative) addressed the board with the following comments.

1 - The Railway Museum wants the new business to be an asset to the community & KRM and not a liability.

2 - They do not want to see a fence of used tin to go up around the property at 142 Main Street.

3 - He stated that Federal Law will not allow them to allow trespassing on railroad property.

David Rust stated the following.

1 - He felt that not allowing Scott to access his property thru City property would hurt his annual "Haunted House" event that is housed in the Big Blue Building.

2 - He commended Scott for being a supporter/volunteer for the annual Haunted House.

K.C. Holbert stated the following:

1 - He felt that the city should allow Scott to access his property through City property.

2- He stated that he would not be able to tow a vehicle off from private property.

After comments & questions from the board and guests, the mayor asked for a motion. He stated that the board needed to put the misplaced concerns to rest. He also thanked Scott for the work he had done on his building and the assistance he had provided to the Haunted House fundraiser.

Mike suggested that the board table this issue until further information could be obtained.

Chris stated that he didn't think that the special meeting should have even been called. He felt that this issue could have waited until the regular board meeting. Jane stated that she felt the special meeting was necessary because 3 weeks was too long to wait to discuss the issue of the property lines. Jane also stated that she had visited Scott's property and saw the wood that the fence/gate would be built out of and that she was very impressed with the looks of it. Nicole stated that the board needed to decide whether to allow him to access his property or not.

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Chris made a motion to continue to use the parking lot as it has been for years and to allow Scott to access his property thru the city property. Jane seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jane made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting. Nicole seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mayor

Clerk