Board of Aldermen Committee Minutes

Date: Oct 2, 2014 **Chair:** William Notte **Convened:** 5:35 **Adjourned:** 6:10

Committee: Charter & Ordinance

Committee Members Present: Ed Larson, Gary Donahue, William Notte,

Others Present: David Allaire, Karl Andeer, Bob Kelley, Nancy Kelley

Motions/Discussion: The Charter & Ordinance Committee met to discuss a rezoning request from Bob and Nancy Kelley for 167 St. Johns Street.

The Kelleys explained that they bought the property contingent on their ability to use it commercially to store and repair their vehicles and rides from their amusement rides business. They received a variance for the site to build the now existing large garage-like structure, but were unsuccessful in their request with the Zoning Board to have the zoning changed, leaving them financially committed to a building they are not allowed to properly use.

After questions and comments from the four aldermen present, it was the general opinion of the committee that it seemed improper to give the Kelleys permission to build their building, but then cut them off from fully utilizing it to the benefit of their business. It was also noted that moving the Gateway Business Woodstock Avenue Zone back a single parcel was similar to the request the Board had approved some months back in regards to the new Dunkin' Donuts that was then built on Woodstock Ave. It was also felt that moving the zone back a parcel did not alter the existing character of the street.

Alderman Larson made a motion to recommend to the Planning Commission that 167 St. Johns Street be included in the Gateway Business Woodstock Avenue Zone, with a request that they only review the proposal for technical deficiencies. This motion passed 3-0.