

**REPORT OF MEETING  
McMINNVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jim Brock  
Allison Moore  
Rachael Kirby  
Jerry Williamson  
David Marttala  
Ben Newman  
Connan Jones

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Nolan Ming, Community Development Director  
Katie Kemezis, Community Planner  
Rebecca Roach, CDStaff

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lisa Hobbs  
David Christian  
Keith Bouldin

The October 2019 meeting of the McMinnville Planning Commission was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in the board of the Public Works/Community Development building located at 1266 Belmont Drive, McMinnville, TN 37110. Upon establishing a quorum was present, Chairman David Marttala called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING REPORT**

A motion was made by Jerry Williamson to dispense with reading and approve the report from the October 29, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Brock and approved unanimously.

**REZONING REQUEST FOR**

Rezoning Request for property described as Tax Map 059 Parcel 015.00, The owner of the property is McMinnville Electric System of 101 E. Main Street, McMinnville, TN 37110. The request asks to rezone from R-3 to I-1. McMinnville Electric pulled this request from the agenda.

**DISCUSSION ABOUT CREMATORIES IN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY**

Mr. David Christian stated he is the owner of McMinnville Funeral Home for the past 15 years and he sees the growing need for a fire-based crematory and would like to put one in. The Tennessee Department of the Commerce and Insurance will do the inspections and enforcements of the state laws concerning a crematory. Mr. Christian stated to the Planning Commission members that this would be a one chamber unit and that there should be not be any visible smoke. The smoke he stated recirculates back into the exhaust pipe for redistubtion in the chamber. Mr. Christian also stated that parking or traffic or would not be a problem even though there will be an observation room for families to come for a short period of time. Katie Kemezis shared that a TN Court of Appeals ruling found that a crematory is an extension of funeral homes. Allison Moore ask Mr. Christian how many chambers, "retort," his crematory would have and a discussion turned to commercial crematories. Jim Brock asked Katie Kemezis to bring back to the planning commission an ordinance to regulate commercial crematories and clarifying definitions. Keith Bouldin stated to the members how the building would be erected. There was no action needed from the board for Mr. Christian to proceed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous vote on a motion by Jim Brock, seconded by Allison Moore.