

REGULAR SESSION

September 19, 2016

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, September 19, 2016 at 5:30** p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center with the following members' present, to-wit:

Billy Murphree
Tilo Galvan
Garrett Hope

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Coordinator
Buddy Hill, Chief of Police

others present: Diana Duff, Joe Whatley and John Garrett;

with the following member absent: Will Traxson and Steve Bowman;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Murphree.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2016
REGULAR SESSION.**

A motion was made by Member Galvan, seconded by Member Hope, to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2016, Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**RANDOMLY ASSIGN PLACES FOR MEMBERS OF THE SUBSTANDARD BUILDING
COMMISSION, PER CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES**

Randomly assigned places for the members of the Substandard Building Commission are as follows:

1. Will Traxson 2. Tilo Galvan 3. Garrett Hope 4. Steve Bowman 5. Billy Murphree

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
114 NORTH PALESTINE, LOT 3A, BLOCK 9 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER HENRY REALTY COMPANY, INC.**

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Coordinator, informed the Commission that this property is back on the agenda so that property owner, Diana Duff, could give a status update to the Commission on any action taken in the sale, repairs or renovations of the property in the past sixty (60) days.

Diana Duff, property owner, was present and informed the Commission that she has had several contractors look at the property, all agreeing the structure is sound with minimum repairs needed and with contractors stating there had not been any water intrusions into the electrical box. Ms. Duff also stated she has several prospective buyers who are all interested in buying the property in current condition. Ms. Duff stated one of the prospective buyers is out of the country until end of this week.

Ms. Duff was ask by the Commission what her plans are if the property does not sale. Ms. Duff stated she would post the property "For Sale" again. Ms. Garrett stated that according to the Ordinance, if this property is posted "For Sale" by owner or with a licensed realtor, Ms. Duff would have six months to sale it before further action could be taken.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
114 NORTH PALESTINE, LOT 3A, BLOCK 9 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER HENRY REALTY COMPANY, INC.**

After a discussion, a motion was made by Member Galvan, seconded by Member Hope to allow the property owner thirty (30) days to sale the property and to be placed on next month's agenda for an update. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
401 ST. JOSEPH, LOT 22, BLOCK 1 – FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION
OWNER DALE COPE**

Dale Cope, property owner, was not present. Ms. Garrett presented the Commission with current pictures of the structure which showed no repairs or renovations ordered by the Commission had been made at of this date.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
401 ST. JOSEPH, LOT22, BLOCK 1 – FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION
OWNER DALE COPE**

A motion was made by Member Galvan, seconded by Member Garrett to give the property owner thirty (30) days to demolish the structure. If the property owner does not demolish the structure, the city will move forward with the demolition. The motion carried unanimously.

HEAR UPDATES FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Coordinator, updated the following:

1. 104 Leland
2. 418 South Carroll

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN
(Citizens appearing during this item will be allowed to present their concern, however, members of the Substandard Building Commission are prohibited from entering into deliberation and the item may be referred to a future agenda for discussion.)

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER.

Billy Muphree, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Coordinator