

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 24, 2012

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 5:30** p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Athens City Hall Annex with the following members present to-wit:

Monte Montgomery
Tere Lawyer
Geneva Jaffa

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer
Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Zoning
Ronnie Denton, Fire Marshall

with the following members absent: Dr. Steven Helf and Billy Murphree.

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

The meeting was called to order by Member Montgomery.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Member Lawyer, seconded by Member Jaffa to elect Member Montgomery as Chairman, and Member Helf as Vice-Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2011
REGULAR SESSION**

A motion was made by Member Lawyer, seconded by Member Jaffa, to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2011 Regular Session. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
890 WEST CORSICANA, (RED BRICK STRUCTURE), LOT 1D, BLOCK 90 -
ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER MENDEL PRENGLER**

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer, informed the Commission that Mr. Prengler would not be attending the meeting, but had submitted paperwork which shows that the property has been sold to Mohammad A. Sharif, who owns the adjacent property. Ms. Garrett reported that the windows and doors have been secured from public access as requested by the Commission.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 890 WEST
CORSICANA, (RED BRICK STRUCTURE), LOT 1D, BLOCK 90 - ORIGINAL TOWN
SUBDIVISION
OWNER MENDEL PRENGLER**

After a discussion regarding the new ownership of the property, a motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Jaffa to review this item in thirty (30) days with the new owner if no progress is being made on renovations. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
416 PALMETTO, LOT 4R, BLOCK 100 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER JOSE ANTONIO RINCON**

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that this item was on the November 21, 2011 agenda and a motion to condemn the structure had been passed. Ms. Garrett reminded the Commission that Mr. Rincon had arrived to the meeting after the meeting had been adjourned therefore he wasn't able to address the Commission with his intentions regarding the structure. Mr. Rincon had informed Ms. Garrett the notice of the meeting had gone to the wrong address. Ms. Garrett stated that Mr. Rincon had been by her office several times regarding renovating the structure and concerned with the structure being torn down. Ms. Garrett told Mr. Rincon that this item would be placed on the next's meeting agenda to be reconsidered. Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that Mr. Rincon has begun the renovations on the structure, and it is secured with new windows, a new roof and siding.

Mr. Rincon was present and Member Montgomery questioned him about underpinning the structure and finishing the trim work. Mr. Rincon stated he intends to be finished with the renovations and intends to live in the structure. Mr. Rincon requested thirty (30) days to finish renovations.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 416
PALMETTO, LOT 4R, BLOCK 100 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER JOSE ANTONIO RINCON**

A motion was made by Member Lawyer, seconded by Member Jaffa to allow Mr. Rincon thirty (30) days to complete the renovations and to get an update from Ms. Garrett at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1104 NORTH
HAMLETT, LOT 15A, F.M. COKER TRACT - B.C. WALTERS SURVEY
OWNER NELLIE MAE TURNER c/o HENRY ROYALL**

Mollie Royall was present and addressed the Commission stating this property had belonged to her deceased husband's aunt, Nellie Mae Turner, who is also deceased. Mrs. Royall stated she is in the process of having the property put into her name so that she can legally have the structure torn down or renovated. Mrs. Royall also stated she has mowed and cleaned up around the property since receiving notice of the meeting.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1104 NORTH
HAMLETT, LOT 15A, F.M. COKER TRACT - B.C. WALTERS SURVEY
OWNER NELLIE MAE TURNER c/o HENRY ROYALL**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Lawyer to have Mrs. Royall contact Sheila Garrett with an update on the progress of having property transferred to her name within sixty (60) days. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 510 NORTH
WOFFORD, LOT 5B, BLOCK 51 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER WAYNE PITTS**

Property owner Wayne Pitts was present and informed the Commission that he will begin the renovations on this structure within the next two weeks and he is requesting sixty (60) days to complete the renovations. Mr. Pitts stated he is in the process of renovating another structure and should be finished with it in the next two weeks and will begin work on this structure immediately.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 510 NORTH
WOFFORD, LOT 5B, BLOCK 51 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER WAYNE PITTS**

A motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Jaffa to get an update on renovations in sixty (60) days. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 512 NORTH
WOFFORD, LOT 5B, BLOCK 51 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER WAYNE PITTS**

Property owner Wayne Pitts was present and informed the Commission that he has begun renovations on this structure and work should be completed in the next two weeks.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 512 NORTH
WOFFORD, LOT 5B, BLOCK 51 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER WAYNE PITTS**

A motion was made by Member Lawyer, seconded by Member Jaffa to get an update on property in thirty (30) days. The motion carried unanimously.

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There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2012.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Sheila Garrett