

**REGULAR SESSION**

**JANUARY 25, 2011**

The Building Standards Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 25, 2011** at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Athens City Hall Annex with the following members present to-wit:

Monte Montgomery  
Dr. Steven Helf  
Tere Lawyer  
Geneva Jaffa

Sheila Garrett, Public Health and Safety Coordinator  
Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development

others attending: Council Member Vaught

with the following member absent: Bruce Hinds

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

The meeting was called to order by Monte Montgomery:

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2010  
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A motion was made by Member Lawyer, seconded by Member Helf, to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2010 Regular Session as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT  
507 EAST TYLER, LOT 4A, BLOCK 26 - OLD TOWN SUBDIVISION  
OWNERS F.W. DENIUS & C.D. MCGILL**

Steve Grant, representative for property owners, informed the Commission that Mr. Denius and Ms. McGill have decided to raze the structure. He has secured two bids from licensed, insured and bonded contractors to be considered for the job and requested 120 days to 180 days for completion of the demo. He will make sure the structure is secured from public access until the structure is to be razed. He will also acquire the demolition permit. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Helf to table any action against structure for six months. The motion carried unanimously.

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**DISCUSS/CONSIDER SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT  
306 DEAN STREET, LOT 4, BLOCK 1 - COLLEGE VIEW SUBDIVISION  
OWNER JOHN G. MCCART C/O DON GORDON**

Sheila Garrett, Public Health and Safety Coordinator, reported to the Commission that Mr. Gordon has contacted her by phone and stated that he can not attend the meeting, but has secured the structure from public access and has begun renovation to bring house into compliance. Mr. Gordon and his son have cleaned up around outside of house, cut the scrubs back and started painting the outside of structure. He plans to replace outside boards that have rotted and will be repairing a leak in the roof. He is requesting time to continue work. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Lawyer, seconded by Member Montgomery to get an update of progress in thirty (30) days. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT  
2110 HWY 31 EAST, LOTS 3 & 23B, BLOCK 1 - SAND SPRINGS SUBDIVISION  
OWNER JIMMIE J. WYRICK**

Ms. Garrett reported to the Commission that Mr. Wyrick came by her office and stated he would not be able to attend the meeting due to conflicting schedules. Ms. Garrett informed the Commission Mr. Wyrick is requesting time to renovate the structure and to bring into compliance with City codes in order to rent out or to sell. He is requesting sixty (60) days.

Council Member Vaught stated he strongly feels the structure should be condemned and torn down due to it's excessive deterioration.

A motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Jaffa to review this item in thirty (30) days. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 422 WEST SCOTT  
STREET, LOT C3, BLOCK 24 - BISHOP HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION  
OWNER BESSIE BUCKLE (RICHARD BOOKER)**

Sheila Garrett reported this structure has been torn down by the City crew.

**REPORT ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 908 HAMLETT,  
LOT 6, BLOCK 3 - F.M. COKER ADDITION  
OWNER FLOYD HASLEY**

Sheila Garrett reported that Mr. Hasley has boarded the structure to secure from public access as requested by the Commission. Member Montgomery requested item be placed on next months agenda as an action item.

**REPORT ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 304 DEAN STREET,  
LOT 3, BLOCK 1 - COLLEGE VIEW SUBDIVISION  
OWNER BONNIE A CARROLL WEBSTER**

Ms. Garrett reported that Mrs. Webster is wanting to donate the property to the Family Peace Project organization, who is looking at the house. They will contact her when a decision is made, which should be within the next few weeks. A report will be given at the next meeting. Member Montgomery requested a report on progress in sixty (60) days.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN**

1. Council Member Vaught expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their service and his desire to see more of the dilapidated structures torn down and the need for more accountability of the property owners.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.**

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Bruce Hinds, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sheila Garrett