

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 21, 2013

The Substandard Building Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, October 21, 2013 at 5:30** p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Athens City Hall Annex with the following members present to-wit:

Tere Lawyer
Billy Murphree
Tim Jones
Will Traxson

Sheila Garrett, Public Health & Safety Coordinator
Ronnie Denton, Fire Marshall

with the following member absent: Geneva Jaffa;

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lawyer.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
REGULAR SESSION**

A motion was made by Member Jones, seconded by Member Traxson to accept the September 16, 2013 Regular Session as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 203 HAWN STREET, LOT 5, BLOCK 20 - LARGE LOT SUBDIVISION
OWNER ROY D. FOWLER (on contract with Arnold Gunstanson)**

Sheila Garrett, Public Health & Safety Coordinator, explained to the Commission that Mr. Gunstanson has contacted her stating that Mr. Fowler is deceased and that Mr. Fowler had paid the contract for the house in full many years ago so he is no longer an owner, but the paperwork had not been filed with the county clerk's office. Mr. Gunstanson stated that Mr. Fowler has a daughter he was renovating the house for before he died.

Shawn Stutts, daughter of Mr. Fowler, was present and informed the Commission she was only recently aware of the house and will be signing papers soon to transfer the property into her name.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 203 HAWN STREET, LOT 5, BLOCK 20 - LARGE LOT SUBDIVISION
OWNER ROY D. FOWLER (on contract with Arnold Gunstanson)**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Jones, seconded by Member Traxson to table any action for thirty (30) days due to the circumstances and to place the item on next month's agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 1114 THIRD STREET, LOT 4E7, BLOCK 100 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER KENNETH WILBANKS**

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that Mr. Wilbanks had acquired a building permit to complete the renovations on the structure and that work is in progress.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 1114 THIRD STREET, LOT 4E7, BLOCK 100 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER KENNETH WILBANKS**

A motion was made by Member Traxson, seconded by Member Murphree to allow property owner ninety (90) days to complete the renovations needed to bring the structure up to the standards of the Substandard Structure Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 316 WEST COLLEGE, LOT 6, BLOCK 21 - LARGE LOT SUBDIVISION
(Shed in backyard)
OWNER CHARLES & MARLYNN THOMPSON**

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that property owner Charles Thompson has contacted her stating he will be hiring a contractor to make the necessary repairs to the shed. Ms. Garrett stated that Mr. Thompson explained that due to living out of state, he could not attend the meeting. Ms. Garrett reported no work has been done on the shed as of this date.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 316 WEST COLLEGE, LOT 6, BLOCK 21 - LARGE LOT SUBDIVISION
(Shed in backyard)
OWNER CHARLES & MARLYNN THOMPSON**

A motion was made by Member Murphree, seconded by Member Traxson to give the property owner thirty (30) days to complete repairs needed to bring the shed into compliance with the Substandard Structure Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

**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.)**

There were none and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2013.

Tere Lawyer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sheila Garrett