

**REGULAR SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2012**

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, February 20, 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  
Dr. Steven Helf  
Billy Murphree

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer  
Ronnie Denton, Fire Marshall

with the following members absent: Geneva Jaffa.

others present: Jerry Don Vaught.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Montgomery.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2012  
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A motion was made by Member Lawyer, seconded by Member Helf, to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2012 Regular Session. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT  
725 SOUTH PRAIRIEVILLE, LOT 6, BLOCK 7 - PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION  
OWNER BEATRICE E. TURRUBIARTES C/O RUTH ADAME**

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer, informed the Commission that construction to the roof had been abandoned for almost a year. Ms. Garrett reported that construction had resumed in the past two weeks, but was not complete.

The property owner was present and stated to the Commission he will have the roof completed by the end of the week. The property owner stated the construction on the roof had stop due to financial issues.

Chairman Montgomery questioned the time frame of completion.

After a discussion, the public hearing was closed.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 725  
SOUTH PRAIRIEVILLE, LOT 6, BLOCK 7 - PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION  
OWNER BEATRICE E. TURRUBIARTES C/O RUTH ADAME**

A motion was made by Member Lawyer, seconded by Member Helf that construction on the roof must be completed in sixty (60) days. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT  
425 WEST LARKIN, LOT 9A, BLOCK 40 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION  
OWNER SERGIO & MARY DELGADO**

Sergio Delgado, property owner, was present and stated to the Commission that a tree had fallen on the back of the structure where it's collapsed, but due to the weather, financial issues, and cost of the repairs, nothing has been done at this time.

Chairman Montgomery questioned whether the cost of the repairs on the structure will be fifty (50) percent more than the value of the structure according to the Henderson County Appraisal District.

Mr. Delgado stated he can make the repairs needed and requested sixty (60) days.

After discussion the public hearing was closed.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 425 WEST  
LARKIN, LOT 9A, BLOCK 40 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION  
OWNER SERGIO & MARY DELGADO**

A motion was made by Chairman Montgomery, seconded by Member Murphree that the property owner has ninety (90) days to repair facial/soffit; repair and seal windows or board windows and paint boards to match exterior; paint exterior of structure; repair or demolish the portion of structure that has collapsed; seal and underpin structure. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 309  
BARKER STREET, LOT 10A, BLOCK 46 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION  
OWNER WINLOS TAYLOR**

Ms. Garrett reported to the Commission that the certified letter that notified property owner of the meeting was accepted by property owner. Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that the missing siding on the house has been replaced. Ms. Garrett reported the property owner has not made contact with her and is not present at meeting.

Ronnie Denton, Fire Marshall, stated it's his opinion this structure is abandoned, and even though the windows are intact and not broken out, the windows should be boarded to prevent vagrants from getting into the structure and setting fires, which creates a safety hazard.

After discussion the public hearing was closed.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 309  
BARKER STREET, LOT 10A, BLOCK 46 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION  
OWNER WINLOS TAYLOR**

A motion was made by Chairman Montgomery, seconded by Member Lawyer that the property owner has thirty (30) days to board the windows and paint the boards to match the trim. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Jerry Don Vaught expressed concern that the Commission is not being tough enough on property owners.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2012.**

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Chairman, Monte Montgomery

ATTEST:

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Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer