

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 18, 2014

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Monday, August 18, 2014 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
Tilo Galvan
Will Traxson

Sheila Garrett, Public Health & Safety Coordinator
Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development
Ronnie Denton, Fire Marshall

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 JUNE 16, 2014 REGULAR SESSION.

A motion was made by Member Galvan, seconded by Member Murphree to accept the June 16, 2014 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 313 NORTH PRAIRIEVILLE, LOTS 7A/8A, BLOCK 22 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION - GARLAND POOL & DOLORES HERRINGTON

Garland Pool, property owner, was present and stated to the Commission that he plans to have a dumpster set at the location this week and to begin cleaning out the collapsed structure. Mr. Pool stated he wants to leave up the portion of the wall that had not collapsed as a fence. Mr. Pool stated he feels the front wall is stable enough to remain up. Mr. Pool stated he can repair the cracks in the front with concrete for stabilization.

Member Traxson ask Gary Crecelius if the front wall will be structurally sound if Mr. Pool takes down only the side wall. Mr. Crecelius stated he wasn't sure how structurally sound the front wall would be if the side wall was removed, but the cracks in the front wall make it appear to be structurally unsound.

Member Jones ask Mr. Pool why he would want to keep up the front wall because it is a liability to Mr. Pool in the event someone was to get hurt at the property. Mr. Pool stated that anything could happen, but that the building has been there for over 70 years.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 313 NORTH PRAIRIEVILLE, LOTS 7A/8A, BLOCK 22 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION - GARLAND POOL & DOLORES HERRINGTON

After a discussion, a motion was made by Member Traxson, seconded by Member Jones that the structure is to be demolished within thirty (30) days by the property owner due to the condition of the structure creating a public health and safety hazard as outlined in Section 9 (a), (5) and (7) of Ordinance No. 0-12-11. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 0 CR 4621, TRACT 46 - D HARRISON SURVEY - OWNERS LAKELAND VILLAGE LP

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that Michael Roberts, who is one of the owners, has been in contact with her regarding the structure. Ms. Garrett presented the Commission with an email from Mr. Roberts in which states the intentions of Lakeland Village LP to have the substandard structure removed. Mr. Roberts' email also states that he has been in contact with the Fire Department about using the structure for firing training and if that doesn't work out, Lakeland Village LP will have the structure demolished.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 0 CR 4621, TRACT 46 - D HARRISON SURVEY - OWNERS LAKELAND
VILLAGE LP**

A motion was made by Member Jones, seconded by Member Galvan to give the property owner ninety (90) days to demolish the structure. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
614 UNDERWOOD, LOT 11B, BLOCK 112 -ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER JASON PHILLIS**

There were no representatives of the property present. Ms. Garrett reminded the Commission that this item was tabled at the last meeting due to the notification of the meeting to the owner could not be verified. Ms. Garrett reported to the Commission that the Notice of the Public Hearing for this meeting was posted on the structure. Ms. Garrett reported that it appears the structure has been abandoned.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 614 UNDERWOOD, LOT 11B, BLOCK 112 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION -
OWNER JASON PHILLIS**

A motion was made by Member Galvan, seconded by Member Murphree to give the property owner ninety (90) days to demolish the structure. 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 was no discussion.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.

Tere Lawyer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sheila Garrett