

City of Watseka
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CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 20, 2021
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Garfield, Miller, Yates, Barragree, Cahoe, Marcier, Rushbrook, Alderwoman Ulfers and Mayor Allhands

GUESTS: Building Inspector Eric Brandt, Code Enforcer Bill Stanley

Alderman Garfield opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. There was no public comment. Building Inspector Eric Brandt reported on the following properties:

DNR Mitigation Grant: Lee Farms has 4 ½ houses done and will finish by the end of the week. The North 4th St house still has the gas meter so that might be an issue. Eric stated 200 E Sheridan the City was able to get a cost of compliance through the homeowners insurance the City will be reimbursed \$15,000, 705 N Chicago the City was also able to get a cost of compliance and that reimbursement will be \$8,850.

904 N Chicago St: Attorney Cainkar was able to get the demolition order today through the courts and the owner has 30 days to demolish and if not at that point the City can go in and demolish it.

445 E Walnut St. Nicor is still waiting on an IDOT permit to disconnect the meter

544 E Locust St: The Owner stated she has sold the property to the neighbor and will be closing on it this week. The neighbor has talked to Eric and reported that he will be getting the house demolished soon. Eric stated the new owner will have 30 days to demolish.

218 N 6th St.: Eric stated there is graffiti on this property and in the maintenance code section it deals with graffiti. Eric stated he also has no front porch steps. Eric has sent him a citation.

Façade Grant: No new aps have been turned in.

Community Rating System: Eric read a prepared letter regarding the CRS. There was a short discussion about whether the City can make a homeowner or a renter get flood insurance.

806 N Chicago St: Eric stated the homeowners are wanting to add an addition to there residence and are requesting to change the set back from 25' to 19'. The Zoning committee met and are ok with this. There will be an ordinance for next Tuesday's full council meeting.

1223 Sugar Creek Court: This property also went before the Zoning committee and they approved a gravel parking lot instead of a hard surface parking lot. There will be an ordinance presented at full council next Tuesday to grant this request.

Air B&B: Eric stated it has come to his attention there are 3 air b&b's in the City that he is aware of. He has talked to the City Attorney to see if they are to pay into the hotel/motel tax and Attorney Cainkar stated from his experience Air B&Bs will not pay the tax.

Code Enforcer Bill Stanley reported on the following properties:

TPW Railroad: Clean up is ongoing. Bill has spoke to them about the Yount Ave crossing that has numerous buckets of spikes and they will get to this also. Bill stated so far they have filled 4 30 yard dumpsters.

Bosch Building: Bill stated the cargo containers are gone and they are working on the junk

vehicles now. There was 10 and there are 5 left.

Collections: Bill stated so far he has sent about \$24,217 in citations, if they all paid the City would receive about \$17,000.00 but not all citations will be paid.

Impound Lot: Bill reported the new lot is being worked on and there are 6 cars left to remove.

Citations: Bill stated he has issued 9 citations for furniture and appliances in yards and will continue to look for more.

Alderman Cahoe asked about the car on Division St that was on jacks for quite some time. It was stated the car is off the jacks and they are in the process of cleaning up the other junk vehicles.

Alderman Garfield makes a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm and Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

Mark Garfield, Chairman