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**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2021**  
**6:53 PM**

**PRESENT:** Aldermen Garfield, Miller, Cahoe, Barragree, Marcier, Rushbrook, Alderwomen Ulfers and Musk, Mayor Allhands

**GUESTS:** Building Inspector Eric Brandt and Code Enforcement Bill Stanley

Alderman Garfield opened the meeting at 6:53 pm. There was no public comment. Building Inspector Eric Brandt reported on the following properties:

**DNR Mitigation:** 805 N Virginia and 109 W Sheridan St should be demolished by the end of the week. The city is still waiting on \$577,385.00 reimbursement from the state. There has been a total of 41 homes demolished. The next closings will be in January for 221 W Park and 111 W Juanita. In January 109 W Maple and 117 E Elm will be demolished.

**100 W Walnut St (JC Penny building):** Eric has talked to Ameren about the power lines there are high voltage lines that will need to be rerouted at no charge to the city but if the owner has them rerouted the cost will about \$10,000. AT&T also has lines and the feed for the traffic lights are also there. Eric received a quote from Mike Contois Masonry for the wall between the two buildings that will need to be tuckpointed and plastered for \$28,750.00

**1121 N Jefferson St:** Attorney Cainkar is proceeding with this property.

**Façade Grants:** No new applications have been turned in. Alderman Miller asked if the ordinance could be looked at after the first of the year as he believes signage on a building is not really a façade unless they have done work to the front of the buildings also. Alderwoman Ulfers asked about businesses closing up and not removing their signage. Eric stated he has talked to Attorney Cainkar about this.

**Community Rating System:** Eric stated the city has officially gotten the paperwork that states the city is a class 8. This should show up on flood insurance as a 10% discount starting in April 2022. Alderwoman Ulfers thanks Eric for his many hours of hard work to get his done.

**252 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St Variance:** The zoning committee met and denied the application. This will be on the full council agenda this month.

**Electrical Service:** Eric stated when Ameren now starts a new service install, they will contact the city to do an inspection.

Mayor Allhands stated Eric has been busy with testing. Eric stated he took and passed a closed book exam and is now a Certified Floodplain Manager.

Code Enforcement Bill Stanley reported on the following:

**Crime Free Rental:** Bill and Eric have a power point presentation done and have sent out letters for seminar sessions to be held in January. There will be several sessions due to space and the number of landlords. This crime free rental will be in place by the end of January. The first meeting is January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm and then January 8 at 1:00 & 3:30 pm. They are planning on 35 people per session. There is a total of 264 landlords that will need to attend.

**Towing:** Bill stated he has towed a vehicle under the city ordinance and has sent out more notices. He reported he has written 530 E Walnut for 2 vehicles. He has also written 4 more and if they don't comply they will be sent notices of intent to tow.

**208 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St:** The homeowner has been sent a bill for \$826 to pay for the cost of the cleanup.

Alderman Garfield makes a motion to adjourn at 7:03 pm and Alderman Miller seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

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Mark Garfield, Chairman