

City of Watseka  
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**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JULY 12, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

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

**ABSENT:** Aldermen Cahoe, Garfield and Rushbrook

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

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

**DNR Grant:** there are 3 houses ready to be demolished, and another closing on August 4<sup>th</sup>, after that there are no more scheduled.

**Façade Grant:** No new applications have been received

**904 N Chicago St:** the 60-day notice has been sent and is up 8/15/22

**Ordinance Citations:** 25 written citations have been issued and 2 written warnings

**502 E Ash St:** the house has been raised and a 30-day permit was given, Attorney Cainkar said the city can still proceed with demolition. The current permit is up 7/15.

**Photovoltaic Systems (Solar):** Eric gave the committee a copy of the solar ordinance from Manteno, he stated the city might want look into changing the current ordinance. He is suggesting the committee look at this and come back with necessary changes next month. He thinks height restrictions and ground mounts need to be discussed next month.

**Adopt A Lot:** Barry Brutlag who lives at 410 W Park would like to adopt 247 S Yount Ave, 303 and 305 S Yount Ave and 421 W Park Ave. Mike Nasers who lives at 107 W Juanita would like to adopt 109 and 111 W Juanita. This will be put on the agenda for full council.

**WalMart:** Eric stated Walmart has called asking for 2 more cargo containers because they have extra merchandise. They would like the 2 extra until January 2023. After some discussion the committee is ok with this as long as they are on the north side of the building or even the northwest corner of the building.

**101 Bell Rd:** Eric stated Watseka Ford has applied for a variance, they would like to expand the parking area. The variance meeting is July 26<sup>th</sup> right before full council. A lengthy discussion was had concerning their lot on N Jefferson St. The variance for that lot expired in 2015 and nothing has been done since. Eric will talk to them about the N Jefferson lot.

Code Enforcement Bill Stanley reported on the following:

**208 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St:** the property has been cleaned up and a new family member will be moving in. Bill stated someone broke in and stole all the copper piping.

**252 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St:** foreclosure in process

**Citations:** 21 for junk vehicles were issued for August court, 2 for RV violations, and 2 for property violations

**Crime Free Rental:** final letters were sent out, approximately 70 property owners still non-compliant, fine are beginning to be sent, inspections are continuing with most places are up to

code with only minor problems. Bill stated the tickets are for \$500 each and can be reoccurring each month until they comply. Court date will be August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Fines & Collections:** \$1050 paid in fines and \$230 in collections.

Mayor Allhands asked about properties at 5<sup>th</sup> & Elm and 6<sup>th</sup> & Elm. Eric stated the property owners have been sent a citation.

There was some general discussion about the corner of S 4<sup>th</sup> & Walnut properties.

Alderman Miller makes a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm and Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 6-0.

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Don Miller, Chairman