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**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JANUARY 10, 2023**  
**7:05 PM**

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

**GUESTS:** Building Inspector Eric Brandt and Code Enforcement Officer

Alderman Miller opened the meeting at 7:05. There was no public comment. Building Inspector Eric Brandt reported on the following properties:

**INDR Flood Mitigation:** Eric reported the city is still waiting on the funds. He has received an ICC claim from 247 S Yount Ave. Once the funds are received from the state that is due to the city Eric has 10-12 more contracts ready to go and 3-4 more are wanting to be added.

**Ordinance Citations:** 24 citations and 23 warnings have gone out

**502 E Ash St:** This is still an ongoing elevation, the fencing has been put up as the city requested and some blocks have been laid but that has now stopped.

**Façade Grant:** None

**904 N Chicago St:** Attorney Cainkar is still working on this but he is asking if the city would demolish the garage and then take possession of the property. Alderman Cahoe stated public works could tear down the garage and the neighbors have put with this eye sore long enough.

**Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the Council to take possession of 904 N Chicago and have the city tear down the garage. Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

**425 W North St:** Eric stated there will zoning hearing January 18<sup>th</sup> to make this rezoning from R2 to R4 multi family.

**719 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St:** Eric stated there will also be a zoning hearing for this on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The homeowner wants to add an additional 12x24 shed to his property. He has a detached 2 ½ car garage and a shed now, but the homeowner keeps his property up and owns the empty lot behind him as well as the lot next door.

**Crime Free Licensing:** Eric has a sample window sticker that he would like to hand out to the landlords that have completed the crime free licensing program. This is a sticker that they could put in there window so everyone knows they are in compliance with the program. They cost \$1.25 each and he needs about 150. The committee is ok with this they told him to order them.

**2022 Building Permit Report:** Eric gave the committee a copy and a brief update of the building permits for the 2022 calendar year. There was a short discussion about giving a resident who would like to build a new home an incentive by waiving the building permits fees for 2 years. The committee thinks this is a good idea.

**IAFSM Conference:** Eric stated this conference is March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15 and he would like to attend as it helps with his continuing education with CFM Certification. The committee is ok with this.

**Commercial Mechanical Inspector:** Eric has completed this class and is now certified.

Code Enforcement Officer Bill Walver reported on the following:

**Crime Free Rental:** 7 inspections have been done and 9 are still non-compliant

**Letters of intent to tow:** 3 letters have been sent out and 2 cars have been sold for junk

**January Court:** 16 citations have been issued

It was stated the buses on N Jefferson are gone.

Alderman Miller makes a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

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Don Miller, Chairman