

City of Watseka
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CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 14, 2023
7:17 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Miller, Garfield, Marcier, Cahoe, Barragree, Alderwoman Musk, and Mayor Allhands

ABSENT: Alderwoman Rohlf

GUESTS: Building Inspector Eric Brandt, Code Enforcement Bill Walver

Alderman Miller opened the meeting at 7:17 pm. There was no public comment. Building Inspector Eric Brandt reported on the following:

IDNR Flood Mitigation: Eric stated the city received a check for \$257,739.66 from the state that was submitted for payment in October and November 2021. Eric stated the state is now going to deed back the 37 properties to the city and this will help getting homeowners flood insurance premiums rebate of 15% by bringing down the CRS numbers.

Ordinance Citations: 4 citations and 6 warnings

Façade Grant: Dralle's own 400 N Jefferson and they are asking for \$5,000 to repair and paint the exterior of the building. It was stated someone might be interested in putting a new business in that building. **Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to give Dralle's a Façade Grant in the amount of \$5,000 and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 7-0.**

904 N Chicago St: This is still a work in progress, Eric has talked to a demolition contractor

309 W Hickory St: This residence was flooded and the property has been donated to the city and now Eric would like to have the residence demolished. Eric stated there is a tree that needs to come out also. The committee is ok with getting this out for bids.

Dirks Property: Eric stated he has 90 days to demolish

Alderwoman Musk asked about a demolition on E Cherry and if there was a problem. Eric stated it looked like the sewer collapsed under the concrete driveway which could have been from the boring company that's been in the city.

Code Enforcement Bill Walver spoke about the following:

Crime Free Rental: 2 not in compliance

Inoperable Vehicles: sent out 1 letter of intent to tow, 16 vehicles removed or now in compliance, sent out 1 owner notification letter and sent junking certificates to the state

Other interactions for February: 16 warnings for miscellaneous violations.

Mayor Allhands stated he will be calling a special meeting to talk about extending TIF districts. He is planning this meeting for the last week of March with the different taxing bodies. Mayor Allhands also reported the Historical District people are still in town.

There was a short discussion about the street scape designs.

Alderman Miller makes a motion to adjourn at 7:33 and Aldermen Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 7-0.

Don Miller, Chairman