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CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023
7:12 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Miller, Anderson, Muench, Marcier, Cahoe, Barragree, Alderwoman Rohlf, and Mayor Allhands and Alderwoman DeLahr via phone

GUESTS: Building Inspector Eric Brandt and Code Enforcement Bill Walver

Alderman Miller opened the meeting at 7:12 pm and there was no public comment. Building Inspector Eric Brandt reported on the following properties:

IDNR Flood Mitigation: Eric has demolition bids for Phase XVI-120 Brown St, 304 E Elm St, 426 E Elm St, 560 N 4th St, 546 N 5th St, 418 W Park and 420 W Park Ave. Lee Excavating was the only bid received for \$74,450.00. **Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the aggregate bid from Lee Excavating for \$74,450.00 and Alderman Anderson seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.** Eric stated after these 7 the total demolished is 76. The city has received another payment of \$215,462.00.

Ordinance Citations: 13 warnings and 3 citations from Eric have been issued

209, 213 & 217 E Walnut St: Eric stated the structures are down and the only thing left is final grading, seeding and straw. There is also some lumber that needs to be removed. Eric has been talking to the contractor.

440 E Oak St: Eric stated the paperwork has been filed in court

IDNR Intergovernmental Agreement Extension/Amendment: Eric stated the current agreement expires 12/31/23 and this needs to be extended. The extension this time is to 2026. Alderman Miller makes a motion to accept the new agreement/amendment and Alderman Barragree seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

239 W Park Ave: Eric has received the demolition order and asks the committee if its ok to put out for bid and the committee is ok with that.

110 W North St: Eric stated a variance meeting will be held December 18th at 5:00 for a proposed 12x16 shed.

534 E Walnut St: Alderman Cahoe asked about the status of the garage in the back along the alley that had a fire quite some time ago. Eric reported the owner says they are going fix it but have not done anything yet. The committee asks Eric to get the paperwork ready for a demolition order.

306 W Oak St: Eric stated the owners are trying to get the property vacated, they are waiting on a court date.

Code Enforcement Bill Walver reported on the following:

Crime Free Rental Inspections: 1 done in the month of November

Inoperable Vehicles: 1 tow notice was sent out and 5 vehicles have been removed

Other interactions for November: 9 warnings for miscellaneous violations.

Alderman Marcier asked about the status on a yard on Western Ave and Bill stated the yard has been cleaned up some and 2 vehicles have been removed.

There was a short discussion about the car on Elm St. It is now in the back yard on a trailer.

Alderman Miller makes a motion to adjourn at 7:22 and Alderman Muench seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

Don Miller, Chairman