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CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024
6:52 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Miller, Muench, Barragree, Cahoe, Marcier, Alderwomen Rohlf and DeLahr and Mayor Allhands

ABSENT: Alderman Anderson

GUESTS: Building Inspector Eric Brandt, Code Enforcement Bill Walver

Alderman Miller opened the meeting at 6:52 pm. There was no public comment. Building Inspector Eric Brandt spoke about the following properties:

IDNR Flood Mitigation: Eric stated the intergovernmental agreement has been fully executed now and is good until 12/31/2026. Eric also stated the state is up to date on reimbursements. It was stated that approximately 3 million of the 5.2 million have been used.

Ordinance Citations: 7 warnings and 3 citations have been issued

239 W Park Ave: house has been demolished

306 W Oak St: the property has been cleaned up by Eric and public works crews, it took about 3 hours and a bill was sent to the property owner for \$2500.00, the property owner will pay this and the property will be given to the city once the squatters are removed.

Zoning Map: Eric stated he has updated the zoning map and gave a brief presentation of the changes that have been made. There were a total of 22 changes made.

221 N 5th St: this is the empty lot north of the fire station. The neighbor Scott Kuhlmann would like to purchase the lot as well as the owner of 215 N 5th. The committee is in agreement to not sell this lot at this time because it might be a good location for a new well.

Code Enforcement Bill Walver reported on the following

Crime Free Rentals: 5 inspections were done in January

Inoperable Vehicles: 9 vehicles have been removed or are now in compliance

Other interactions for January: 15 warnings for miscellaneous violations.

Bill stated they will be having more crime free seminars in March. He also stated he and Eric and Fire Chief Baier inspected the apartments on E Oak St and there are some issues but the owner is in Mexico, so when he returns the violations will be addressed with him.

There was some discussion about the downtown area that has apartments above the businesses. Chief Baier said he has done some inspections and some of them do have smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

Alderman Miller makes a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm and Alderman Muench seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

Don Miller, Chairman