

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, February 5, 2024

4:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attendance
See sign-sheet

Blighted Properties

NW A Street – Fire Building/City Hall – Jeff Doris

Ron Lehman stated that Mr. Doris is still making progress on the old Fire /City Hall building. He continues to work on the inside. Great progress has been made. This will be left on the agenda for next month.

400 N.W. I St – Clarence W. Adams Jr. & Darlene

Ron Lehman stated property is still in bad shape. Mr. Adams was at the meeting and stated he had cleaned up and hauled off three loads of rubbish using a flatbed truck the previous weekend. He stated his son is living on the property and the one bring in the rubbish. He stated he will have to have his son evicted or he will not leave. It was decided that Ron will go by property tomorrow and check on progress. The mayor's recommendation was to table any action until the next meeting. Mayor Preble made a motion to table it until the next meeting and 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 2 Ayes, passed. Sam Drummy reminded the board that there is a continuous abatement order in place and would not need to continue giving Mr. Adams notice to proceed with cleanup.

642 N.W. "E" Street - Joe Hineman Properties– 22092008R

Ron Lehman stated that progress has been made. The new resident is cleaning up the property. Ron stated that the vehicles have been removed. Property will remain on the agenda for monitoring.

224 I St SW – Loretta Kay Cantu/Loretta Kay Bedwell

Ron Lehman stated the house has been cleaned up. Sam Drummy stated that costs have been assessed and the owner has 30 days to pay before a lean can be filed against the property.

130 F St NE - Ralph L & Christina L Deeds

Sam Drummy stated that the property has a court order for the sale of the property and the car. Ron stated there is a realtor working on the sale of the property and the property is still in probate. This will be left on the March 4, 2024, agenda.

102 8th St SW – Carol Myers Pearson

Ron Lehman stated that the property had been split and the property that Ms. Pearson no longer owns has been cleaned up. There has been no cleaning up other than the trash of Ms. Pearson's portion of the property. Sam Drummy stated that an enforcement order was sent September of 2023. Mr. Drummy recommended affirming the enforcement order and setting a deadline for the March 4, 2024, meeting. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell and 2nd by Mayor Preble. 2 Ayes, passed.

340 10th St. NE – Chris Skinner

Ron Lehman stated progress has been made to the property. Mr. Lehman will notify the owners that the deadline has been extended. This property will remain on the agenda for the March 4, 2024, meeting. The motion was made by Mayor Preble to extend the deadline and 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 2 Ayes, passed.

813 11th St NW – Verlin Shields

Ron Lehman stated cleanup of the property is completed. This will remain on the agenda for the March 4, 2024, meeting. Mr. Drummy stated he will file a lean before next month's meeting.

629 4th St NW – 629FOU441 Trust

New property owner Emily Hicks attended the meeting. New owners have started cleaning up the property. The motion was made by Linda Bedwell to remove it from the agenda and 2nd by Mayor Preble. 2 Ayes, passed.

190 N Main St – Mark and Julie Bartlow (Old Elks Building)

The enforcement order has been rescinded. Harold Smith was in attendance, and he is in the process of purchasing the property. Mr. Smith is looking into a grant for the bricks that are falling from the building. This will be revisited at the March 4, 2024, meeting.

290 E St NW – Karen Kettle

Ron Lehman stated that he received a telephone call from Gerald Carr, and he is purchasing the property. He asked for time to tear it down. Will remain on the agenda until Mr. Carr has ownership of the property. Sam Drummy said cost could be assessed for \$927.87 but council decided to take a loss and not pursue cost due to Mr. Carr purchasing the property.

290 5th St NW – Deann Boatright

Ron Lehman stated that there has been a lot of progress regarding cleanup of the property. The owner wants to remodel the house and rent it out. Ron Lehman said he thought the property could be removed from the agenda. The motion was made by Mayor Preble to remove it from the agenda and 2nd by Linda Bedwell. 2 Ayes, passed.

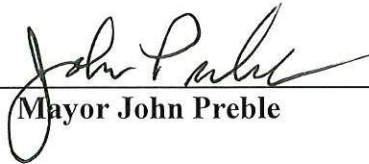
Ron Lehman received a telephone call regarding property owned by Dominick Iacobazzi which lives in Terre Haute. Property is just inside of the city limits on NW 13th Street.

Two old trailers, 5 to 6 cars, trash, camper, and the neighbors are complaining about wildlife. A 10-day notice was mailed to Mr. Iacobazzi in Terre Haute on January 30, 2024.

A business owner on the corner of 9th Street and Highway 54 W called regarding the property across the road from her owned by Tim Strange which is 3 lots. Tables with items covered with tarps from a possible yard sale, a camper, and an old truck are on the property. Ron Lehman stated he had been sent a 10-day notice in August 2023 to Mr. Strange's address (850 8th St. NE) for mowing his yard. Nothing was done and the city mowed the yard. Mr. Drummy will refine the 10-day notice for more clarity and will be sent again.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Bedwell and 2nd by Mayor Preble. 2 Ayes, passed.



Mayor John Preble



Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker