



CITY OF LAFAYETTE

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE
LAFAYETTE HEARING AUTHORITY
Common Council Chambers in City Hall

Meeting: January 24, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 27, 2016

Documents:

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NEW BUSINESS

- a. Order To Comply And Notice To Appear At Demolition Hearing-3016 Commanche Trail
- b. Petition To Declare Property Abandoned-2517 Edgelea Drive
- c. Petition To Declare Property Abandoned-2104 Roosevelt Avenue
- d. Petition To Declare Property Abandoned-1616 Grove Street
- e. Petition To Declare Property Abandoned-1605 Virginia Street
- f. Petition To Declare Property Abandoned-1512 N. 12th Street
- g. Petition To Declare Property Abandoned-1218 Queen Street
- h. Petition To Declare Property Abandoned-1105 N. 18th Street
- i. Petition To Declare Property Abandoned-2408 N. 19th Street

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

LAFAYETTE HEARING AUTHORITY
September 27, 2016

The Lafayette Hearing Authority met on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of Lafayette City Hall. Present were: Gary Henriott and Ron Shriner. Absent: Cindy Murray

Jacque Chosnek, 1st Deputy Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Shriner called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mr. Henriott moved for approval of the July 26, 2016 minutes. Mr. Shriner seconded. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Order to Comply and Notice to Appear at Demolition Hearing-1915 Congress Street (Whole House)

Scott Dieterle, Engineering, stated that this property was on the agenda for the demolition of the room addition portion of the structure. Mr. Dieterle stated that he went back to the home to check on it because it is in such bad condition. The room addition is falling off of its foundation and collapsing. Mr. Dieterle stated that when he was there checking on the structure the door to the home was open and he was able to see inside the house. The plywood is totally rotted, the joists are rotten through and the load bearing walls is collapsing which is now making the roof sag. The front porch beam has cracked through and rotted all of the way through the roof. The structure is so bad that the Engineering office has considered emergency demolition of the entire structure. Mr. Dieterle stated that the owner, Walter Colburn, is currently not living there but uses the house for storage. Mr. Colburn is currently removing his belongings from the house as fast as he can. The house is empty and not secure at the moment. The house is being boarded up as best as it can but there is not much to board up to and would not hold up plywood. Mr. Dieterle stated that the neighbor next door is interested in buying the house and lot from Mr. Colburn. The neighbor would like to tear down the house and have the lot. Mrs. Chosnek stated that the Board affirmed demolition of the back room addition at the last meeting. Now with the new discoveries and continued deterioration this order is for the entire structure. Mrs. Chosnek stated that there is a mortgage currently on the home.

Valerie Matheis, Attorney with Nelson & Frankenberger representing Chase Bank, stated that Chase is just an interested party and the loan is current. Ms. Matheis stated that she is just her to monitor and see what the outcome of today's hearing is.

Mr. Dieterle recommends demolition of the structure. Mr. Henriott stated that he personally knows Mr. Colburn from church. Mr. Dieterle stated that he would like to talk to the neighbor one more time to see where he stands on buying the property, if not get the process started on demolition. Mr. Henriott moved to affirm the order for demolition. Mr. Shriner seconded. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

UNSAFE STRUCTURES REPORT
September 27, 2016

1915 Congress St

Property owner: Walter Colburn

Initial contact: 9/10/15

HOUSE

Exterior walls bulging out and coming off foundation

Shingles have deteriorated
Front porch roof has holes in it
Flat roof on back of house is completely rotted thru
Wood soffit is rotted
Aluminum siding and soffit starting to fall off
Addition in back of house ceiling has collapsed
Addition in back of house drywall on walls have fallen off
Addition in back of house floor joists have collapsed
Exposed structural wood is completely rotted
Trash and debris thru-out yard

The room addition poses as an immediate threat to the general public in this condition and needs demolished.

August 18, 2016: Went to property to evaluate the removal of the back addition of house and the feasibility and impacts on remaining structure. When I went around back of house I could see into the existing interior and determined that it is in as bad of condition as the addition that has been ordered for demolition. In my professional opinion it is not feasible to remove the addition without causing structural failure to existing building. I believe there needs to be an emergency demolition on the entire structure as soon as possible.

Last contact: 8/25/16

Taxes Current: Yes

Recommendation: Demolition of entire house

Time: 9:24 a.m.

Ron Shriner s/s
President

Minutes prepared by Mindy Miller, 1st Deputy Clerk
A digital audio recording of this meeting is available in the Lafayette City Clerk's Office.