

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL
City Hall Council Chambers – 1608 Laurel Street
January 22, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Condemnation Hearing
610 Pine Street

Attending members included Council Jake Mattingley, Ginger Neal-Cox, Brandon Johnson, and Mayor Cynthia Frisbie. Also present were City Administrator Erica Kern, City Clerk Teresa Whitaker, and Barbara Proffitt of the *Linn County News*.

Absent: Aaron Portmann, Chris Ellis

CALL HEARING TO ORDER:

- 1. CALL HEARING TO ORDER:** Mayor Frisbie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Gary explained that condemnation does not necessarily mean demolition. This hearing is set and the reports have been provided for each of the properties listed. The owners that come to this meeting can explain why the property should not be condemned. After hearing each owner, the Council must decide the course of action.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

610 Pine

No owner present for this property. Sandy Atkisson recommends the city clean up the property. Also, there are many repairs that need to be made. Gary read the report to the Council that was initially written for the property. Sandy stated the only thing that has changed is that the junked vehicles are gone. Motion from Jake to instruct the owner to comply with all items recommended by Codes officer Sandy Atkisson by March 4th. Ginger 2nd. Motion carried 3-0.

413 E. 14th (1355 Orange)

Property owners William Stark III and William Stark IV present. Owner Stark III present would like this property to be demolished. Stated that the property was sold to April Lozano but they never put it in their name. Mr. Stark asked if he can demo the property since she never did it. Gary stated that he can proceed.

413 E. 14th (1359 Orange)

This is another property owned by the Starks. Mr. Stark believes these properties are fixable. Kern stated that she believes these do not meet minimum housing codes and she doesn't even know what the starting point would be to begin fixing them. She also believes they are not livable or salvageable. The owner states they have a potential buyer for the property this week. Gary stated that the current owner needs to tell the potential buyer that the property cannot be rented until it is up to standard. Kern stated to the owner that they must provide proof of the taxes being current before demolition can proceed. Gary told Mr. Stark that he didn't believe that the property can be reclaimed. Ginger agreed. Gary stated the foundation and wiring look to be beyond repair. The owner is going to apply for a CRRRP demolition on 413 E 14th both 1355 and 1359 Orange Street.

503 E. 14th

The Starks also own this property. The owners believe this property is fixable. Gary stated the skirting is missing per the report. The owner stated that there is only a small piece missing. The owner also stated they have boarded up the broken windows. Codes officer Atkisson stated this unit has had weather getting into the house for years as it has been vacant for years. Stark stated the new potential owner wants to keep this unit. Ginger asked what the time frame on fixing it would be. Stark did not know the timeframe. Kern stated that this isn't the first time that there is a buyer lined up and we still end up at the same place. The Starks denied that claim and said this is the first time they have put it up for sale. Gary said that he sees that the deck and ramp need to be demolished, all windows need to be fixed and secured so they open and close, the doors need to be secured so they operate, the door to the hot water closet needs to be fixed, the sewer lines need to be hooked up again as well as the gas. Gary stated if there is a door, it needs to have steps. Also, the skirting needs to be attached. Stark IV looked at the photos and stated they have replaced a lot of the skirting already. Jake clarified that if we begin a process of allowing a time limit to fix things, it will be transferrable to the new owner. Gary explained if we do give them an opportunity to repair the property, they be given a time limit of 30 days from the time the Condemnation Resolution is passed at the next meeting. Jake read the list of the repairs to the owners of the property. If the property is to be occupied, they would need a landlord license. Gary stressed it is not occupiable at this point. Jake stated that the next meeting is February 4th and the owners will have 30 days from that point. If the repairs are not done, the city will come in and do something. Jake motioned for a resolution for condemnation with the items listed that need to be repaired as per the codes report by March 4th 2019. 2nd by Ginger. Motion carried 3-0.

1001 Laurel

Lois New here to talk about the property. She stated has cleaned up a lot of the property inside and eradicated a lot of the rodents. She hasn't put out poison because of her dogs. She has several people that were able to help but they are sick right now. She stated she needs someone to help haul off junk. She has lined up two people but neither have showed up. Mayor Frisbie suggested someone and Debbie Spears from the audience suggested her husband. She also stated she needs to get with the owner and see what she wants to do regarding replacing linoleum etc. There is a door on the 2nd floor and there is no porch to step out onto it. Sandy Atkisson stated it needs to be fixed because if someone steps out, they have no place to go but down. Sandy said the owner has signed for the letters she sent. New cannot afford most of the repairs and stressed it is not her house. Kern asked if there was heat in the house. New stated there is baseboard heat. New said that the only rooms they use are the bedroom and the bathroom. The faucet is broken in the kitchen. New said she got money today to get a new faucet. Kern asked if anyone was living in the house. New stated there is because she has no place to go. Kern reminded her that the house was deemed unlivable and there was to be no one in the house. Jake motioned to condemn the property and demand repairs within the time limit of the Condemnation resolution which will state March 4th 2019. 2nd by Ginger. Motion carried 3-0. Jake gave the list of the required repairs to Lois New.

109 W. Broad

No one present for the hearing. Gary stated this property had been through court already. Once the charges were dismissed, the property has gotten worse. Sandy stated the barn needs to be demolished and the owners have already agreed to that. Jake motioned to continue the condemnation and all recommendations be done by March 4, 2019. 2nd by Ginger Neal-Cox. Motion carried 3-0.

109 E. Miami

No owner present for the hearing. This house is currently vacant. The owner has been to Councilwoman Ginger Neal-Cox's house to discuss the property on several occasions. The owner believes the property is livable and should not be condemned or demolished because her father built the house. Neal-Cox believes the house should be torn down. The electricity is on and the doors are not locked currently. Jake motioned to condemn the house, and have it demolished by March 4, 2019. Ginger Neal Cox 2nd. Motion carried 3-0.

3. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:

Meeting adjourned 7:08 pm.

Mayor Cynthia Frisbie

City Clerk Teresa Whitaker