

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

UNSAFE HEARING BOARD

APRIL 19, 2016

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Unsafe Hearing Board of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron and Ron Jarman answered roll call. Darrin McGowan and Dr. John Williams were not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting as presented. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **BEP Update** - Chief Jenkins said the asbestos assessment has been completed on the 3rd set of BEP properties. We will hold a public hearing on May 3 for the 4th set of properties. Those properties include 628 W 3rd, 114 W 4th, and 419 W 3rd. The first 6 properties have been completed. There was damage to a fence on the West 8th Street property. Robertson will need to repair.
2. **129-141 West 1st Street** – Eric Frye said he has met with Rasner regarding his option on the property and his plan. Frye said they have discussed an agreement to assign with SIHCDC for tax credit options and do a more robust project. The option would be good through September and at that time they could clearly assess the competitiveness of the tax credit application. At that time if it seems feasible then they will move forward with that option. Currently they are only in discussion stages and have not made any type of an agreement.

Newhouse said we do need stabilization of the building as soon as possible. Jenkins said his main concern is the roof.

Rasner entered the meeting and said that he is in agreement that we need to prevent further deterioration. He is open for discussion. He said he is prepared to move forward with his initial plan. Rasner asked if the proposal he provided at the last meeting was something that the Board was open to. The Board agreed that they were open to the plan.

Cameron made a motion to allow time for the individuals to work out an agreement and present it to the Board at the next meeting. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **223 E 6th Street** – Mrs. Metzger, the owner of the property, was present. Jenkins provided pictures of the building. The beams on the west side have disintegrated.

Metzger said she may have to reconsider repairing the building and tear down the structure due to the estimate for repairs being a bit too high.

Cameron made a motion to affirm the order. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cameron made a motion to allow the occupants 30 days to remove any property in the structure. After the 30 days the City will tear down the building and bill Metzger allowing her a 6 month period to pay for the demolition. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **1016 West 3rd** – Jenkins said he received a complaint regarding continued issues with trash. He also received a letter from Tim Yazel stating that he is in the process of evicting the residents and plans to restore the property to its previous condition. Jenkins sent a letter to Yazel to come to this meeting but he was not able to attend. The eviction is currently pending in Court. Newhouse said evictions normally take 30-45 days. Cameron made a motion to table to allow time for the court action, and revisit in 30 days. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Jarman made a motion to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.