

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

UNSAFE HEARING BOARD

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

5:00 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Angie Barton, and Ron Jarman answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING 702 NORTH SEXTON STREET: Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing to discuss the property located at 702 North Sexton Street. The tree has been removed from the house. Notice was sent to the property owner of record and posted on the property. Chief Jenkins passed out pictures for the Board's review. There is still a portion of the tree on the property. Jenkins said the garage has been broken into. The owner is Donald R. Turman. Jenkins said our options were to move forward and remove the entire structure and file a lien on the property. We can remove the damaged portion, secure the property, and clean up the property. Or leave it as it is. Mayor Pavey suggested that the City clean up the property and determine if the rest of the house is in good condition and cover the opening with plywood.

McGowan made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey said he has received information from Ron Wilson regarding the Lila Meyer property. He has forwarded the information to the Board for discussion at the next meeting.

A list of the top 12 questions and answers regarding the utility rate increase has been compiled and distributed.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Harvey Property** – Chief Jenkins and Jemmy Miller reviewed the bids today. Jenkins said none of the contractors had the ability to totally assess asbestos. Jenkins said Shroyer Brothers, Inc. was the lowest bid, but failed to provide a certificate of insurance. Holman Excavating LLC was the only one that provided alternates on the Main Street

property. Therefore Holman's bid was the only one that was complete and acceptable. The Mayor said at this point we can look at demolition but there is currently not enough money to actually enter into the contract for demolition. Cameron made a motion to accept the bid from Holman for the North Arthur property. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Holman was present and said he would work with the City and would allow a minimum of 90 days on the bid.

2. **227-231 N Main Street** - Barton made a motion to table discussion. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **316 West 9th Street – Historic Review Board** – Jenkins said he had not received word from the Historic Board review. Pavey said that he had received the information and Carla was to send it to Jenkins.
4. **702 N Sexton Contract Pending – Tree on House** – McGowan made a motion to clean up the property, board up any openings to secure it, and determine if it is structurally safe. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **732-734 N Morgan – Porch Removal** – Jenkins said Trisha Crites from Mainsource Bank informed Jenkins that there is a mortgage on the property for \$1,877.25 as of October 18. Cameron made a motion to request a tax sale certificate and approach the owner and bank to quit claim the property to the City. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **210 N Harrison – Porch and Rear** – The owner was given 90 days, which will expire in January.
7. **927 W 3rd** – The owner has been notified. No repairs have been made. Jenkins will set for a hearing for December 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant County-Marion, Indiana Blight Program – Mayor Pavey said he had a meeting with Grant County to discuss their program. Their program is similar to ours, but they have greater volume. They gave us some helpful ideas.

Newhouse reviewed the policy. She said we need to decide if we want the commissioners to assign us a certificate and then we go through the process of getting a tax sale deed.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Jarman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.