

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

UNSAFE HEARING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

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, Darrin McGowan, Angie Barton, and Ron Jarman answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*, arrived later in the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING 227-231 N Main Street – Chief Jenkins said he sent notice to the owners of record. The notice was then advertised and posted on the property. There was no response from the owners of record. Jenkins said there is no mortgage. He said per the engineer's report the building needs to come down. Notice was sent July 17, and returned August 6th. The notice was posted August 27th and advertised the same day. A copy of the engineering report is attached to the minutes. Cameron made a motion to close the public hearing. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Harvey Property – 351 N Arthur** -
 - a. **Demolition** – Bid for demolition will be opened October 15th at 5:00 p.m.
 - b. **Storage** - Jenkins said the Harvey's have not picked up the barrier blocks. Mrs. Harvey said they want the blocks but they do not have the money to hire someone to pick them up. She said they will have funds by the end of the week to hire Davis to pick up the blocks. Mayor Pavey said the process will end October 15. He said if the contents and wall components are gone we do not have an issue. If they are still there they will be included as part of our action for costs. Chief Jenkins handed Mrs. Harvey a copy of the "Written Statement and Notice to All Persons with a Substantial Interest", stating the time and place of opening the bids as required by statute.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 227-231 North Main Street – Felts

Newhouse said since there was no contact with the owners, the next step is to confirm the chief's order and start the process to tear down the structure. The owner lives in Hamilton, Ohio. He has no means to do anything with building. Cameron made a motion to affirm the Chief's order. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barton made a motion to set bid openings for 227-231 North Main and 351 North Arthur for October 15. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. 316 E 9th Street – Detached Garage - Public Hearing Oct 1 - Jenkins said the garage is ready to fall down. He sent notice to the owners of interest. The property is in foreclosure. The attorney for the bank called to inquire when it would be set for hearing. Jenkins told him it would be October 1st at 5:00 p.m.

3. 702 N Sexton – Public Hearing October 1 - Jenkins said a huge tree fell on the house during the storm last week. The owners are incarcerated; therefore, the tree is still laying on the property. Jenkins said he is pretty confident that the City will need to remove the tree. Jenkins said he received notice from the Trustee of the property and they indicated that they no longer have anything to do with the property. There is no mortgage on the property.

4. 732-734 N Morgan – This structure was also damaged last week in the storm when a large tree fell on the structure. The tree has been removed, but a lot of debris is left. The structure is now empty. Jenkins will send notice to the owners of interest. This property and the 702 N Sexton have been secured with caution tape.

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 5:35 p.m.