

LAFAYETTE HEARING AUTHORITY
January 24, 2017

The Lafayette Hearing Authority met on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of Lafayette City Hall. Present were: Gary Henriott, Ron Shriner and Cindy Murray

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

Mr. Shriner called the meeting to order.

Meeting started: 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Mr. Henriott moved for approval of the February 20, 2018 minutes. Mrs. Murray seconded. Motion Carried.

Mark Gick, Building Commissioner, introduced Phil Latshaw as the new inspector for Unsafe Structures. Mr. Latshaw started with the City of Lafayette in February 2019 and will be doing BOCA Property Maintenance, Unsafe Structures and rental/housing inspections for the Engineering Department. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Order to Comply and Notice to Appear at Demolition Hearing-2107 Charles Street

Mr. Latshaw stated that he inspected the property on April 4, 2019 and found several holes in the roof and in the structure. The detached garage has holes in the roof and partially collapsed. Mr. Latshaw stated that there is a bunch of rubbish in the house that includes the ceiling falling down and starting to collapse. The interior walls are deteriorating and have mold. Mr. Latshaw recommended demolition of the structures. Mrs. Chosnek stated that the owner, Theresa Marsh, passed away a year ago and there has been no estate opened for the property owner. Mrs. Chosnek stated they received service for today's hearing on the unknown heirs via publication in the Journal & Courier with the last day of publication on May 9, 2019. Mrs. Chosnek stated that this is a property that the City of Lafayette has tried to deal with over the years. But until the property owner passed away, she kept paying the property taxes which made enforcement options minimal. The property is currently in arrears on taxes and is scheduled for the tax sale in the fall. There is no mortgage on the property so there is no other interest in the property. Mr. Latshaw stated that this property is too far deteriorated for rehabilitation. Mrs. Chosnek stated that due to the order that was issued, responsible party for the property has until June 1, 2019 to do the work themselves or the City will start the process for Intent to Let Bids for the demolition of the property. Then a lien will be placed on the property. Mrs. Murray moved to confirm the order for demolition. Mr. Henriott seconded. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

UNSAFE STRUCTURES REPORT
May 21, 2019

Location: 2107 Charles St.
Key #: 156-01200-0705
Owner: Theresa Marsh (Deceased)
Inspector: Phil Latshaw
Inspection Date: April 4, 2019

List of Code Violations and Defects Including, but not limited to,

INTERIOR:

Interior appears to be full of rubbish. (304.1)
Ceiling has deteriorated and is starting to collapse. (304.1)
Walls are deteriorating. (304.2)
Possible mold growth on walls. (304.3)

EXTERIOR:

Gutters are in disrepair. (303.7)
Several holes throughout roof. (303.7)
Fascia is deteriorating in several areas. (303.7)
Exterior wall is severely deteriorated. (303.1), (303.4), (303.6)
Exterior doors are boarded. (303.2)
Wood trim needs painted. (303.2)

Time: 9:42 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 or online at <http://www.lafayette.in.gov/agendacenter>.