

OTTUMWA BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

MEETING NO. 1
Council Chambers, City Hall

January 19, 2021
5:30 O'clock P.M.

Present were Council Member Dalbey, Roe, Stevens, Berg and Mayor Lazio.
Council Member Meyers was absent.

Approval of Minutes 1. Roe moved, seconded by Berg to approve the mins. from Mtg. No. 3 on Aug. 18, 2020 as presented. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

2433 E. Main 2. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures on the property located at 2433 E. Main St. in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Planner Simonson stated the property was placarded Feb. 26, 2015 due to the structure not meeting min. housing standards in order to occupy as a dwelling. The property has changed ownership four times since the initial placard. The current owner submitted a repair plan in Jan. 2020, but has not made any progress on the property. No objections were received. Dalbey moved, seconded by Stevens to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe to condemn the structures located at 2433 E. Main St., order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all costs attendant to such actions, including administrative costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

422 S. Ward 3. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures on the property located at 422 S. Ward, in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Planner Simonson stated the property was placarded June 20, 2019 due to lack of utilities; this placard was released on Aug. 1, 2019. The property then experienced a fire on Aug. 15, 2019 and was placarded again. Throughout Nov. 2019, the former tenants attempted to occupy the lot in a camper, running electrical service to the camper using an ext. cord across the street connected to 417 S. Ward. The owner submitted a repair plan Jan. 3, 2020; however no progress was made. After the repair plan had expired, the owner attempted to obtain an electrical permit; which was briefly issued before being canceled due to the exp. of the repair plan. Rita McNeal requested to speak on behalf of her husband. They did file a letter with the City on Nov. 10, 2020, requesting an extension to the timeline for the repairs required on the property. Mr. McNeal has undergone two knee replacement surgeries and double by-pass surgery within the past year in addition to restrictions placed upon us with COVID-19 and has been unable to complete the repairs. Planner Simonson stated we did receive the first repair plan; however there was a considerable amount of time between the request and when the electrical permit was pulled after the condemnation was started. We

are sympathetic to the issues Mr. McNeal has undergone but there has been little to no progress on this property since the repair plan was submitted. The dept. stands by their recommendation to condemn. No other objections were recd. Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Stevens to condemn the structures located at 422 S. Ward, order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all costs attendant to such actions, including admin. costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

1214 W.
Highland

4. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures on the property located at 1214 W. Highland, in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Planner Simonson reported this property was placarded March 27, 2020 after a complaint from OPD due to the structure not meeting the min. housing standards in order to occupy as a dwelling. Multiple attempts were made to make contact with the owner; no one sought permission to enter the bldg. or submitted a repair plan. We have discovered that the owner is deceased. No objections were received. Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Roe moved, seconded by Berg to condemn the structures located at 1214 W. Highland, order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all costs attendant to such actions, including admin. costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

815 Allison

5. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures On the property located at 815 Allison in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Planner Simonson reported this property was placarded July 27, 2020 due to the structure not meeting the min. housing standards in order to occupy as a dwelling. The owner of the property has been identified to be deceased and no one stepped forward to take over the property. The bldg. has no windows or siding and remains open to the elements and further deterioration. No objections were received. Stevens moved, seconded by Dalbey to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

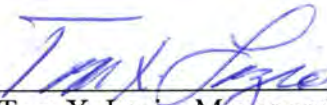
Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe to condemn the structures located at 815 Allison, order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all costs attendant to such actions, including admin. costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Adjourn

6. There being no further business, Roe moved, seconded by Berg that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 4-0 vote. Council Member Meyers was absent.

Adjournment was at 5:50 P.M.

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Tom X. Lazio, Mayor and Chairman

ATTEST:



Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

