

CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
1st Qtr. CONDEMNATION MEETING
January 20, 2022

The Lonoke City Council held a special meeting via zoom application at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday January 20, 2022. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Trae Reed. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards was absent. Ryan Biles served as substitute clerk.

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| Mayor | Trae Reed |
| City Clerk | Jeribeth Edwards (absent) |
| Treasurer | |
| Deputy Clerk | Regina Ibbotson (absent) |
| Council Members | Efrem Jones (absent), Alice Bridges, Raymond Hatton, Ryan Biles, Gib Richardson (absent), Michael Florence (absent), Koy Butler, and Suzette Elmore |
| City Attorney | Ginger Stuart |
| Police Chief | Matt Edwards (absent) |
| W/S/S Supt. | Jim Kelley (absent) |
| C.C. Director | Mike Brown (absent) |
| Fire Dept. | Justin Wittenberg (absent) |
| Parks Director | Roy Don (absent) |
| Community Dev. | Jeremy Gosdin |
| News Media | Rick Kron, The Leader (absent) |
| Visitors | none |

1. Property at 318 Harrison - Mr. Gosdin mentioned that the city of Lonoke agreed to tear down the structure. Mr. Gosdin mentioned that the property looks good and the structure is gone.

2. Property at 416 Washington- Mr. Gosdin mentioned that the owner had been given an extension to get this structure off the property. The owners have taken care of some of the property. Mr. Gosdin mentioned that the owner did acknowledge that the structure should be taken down by end of business on January 20, 2022. Mr. Gosdin asked the council to give the owner more time since they have done work to the property. The council gave an extension of a month, due to the weather and the holidays. Koy Butler made a motion to continue the condemnation process. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Property at 116 Front Street- Mr. Gosdin explained that the structure has been cleared. Mr. Gosdin mentioned that there are some items that are on the property. He then mentioned that the city of Lonoke could send the property owner a letter stating the items need to be removed, the city of Lonoke will cite the owner \$250.00 per day going through district court (code enforcement). After some discussion, Koy Butler made a motion to go forth with code enforcement actions with no extended time. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. 105 Lynn Lane- Mr. Gosdin explained that this is a new property. He explained that he had contacted the owner regarding the city's concerns and he is satisfied with the progress. He asked the council to

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remove the property from the list. Koy Butler made a motion to remove the property from the list. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. 415 W. 5th St.- Mr. Gosdin explained the property has been vacant for years. The bid price for the property is \$7,125.00. Mr. Gosdin received a letter from the owners and they are committing to work on this property. Mr. Gosdin asked the council to give the owners more time. After some discussion Alice Bridges made a motion to go forth with condemnation. Ginger Stuart explained to the council that there isn't a resolution to go forth with this property. She also explained that the council should consider allowing Mr. Gosdin to do some work and talk with the owner regarding the property. Mrs. Alice Bridges reseeded her motion. Mayor Reed explained that Mr. Gosdin bring an update to the council at the February council meeting.

6. 216 Frank T. Bunton- Mr. Gosdin explained to the council that he has talked with the owner and the owner. Mr. Gosdin asked the council to go forth and tear down this property. The cost to tear down the property is \$4,700.00. Koy Butler made a motion to tear down the structure. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Res. 1-2-2022 and its entirety. The resolution was passed. Motion carried.

7. 416 Washington St.- Koy Butler made a motion to put Res. 1-1-2022 on the floor. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Res. 1-1-2022 and its entirety. The Resolution passed. Motion carried.

8. Three properties to consider for Next Condemnation Meeting- (2nd Qtr.)

1. 202 Adams St.
2. 619 College
3. 601/603 Hicks Street

Koy Butler made a motion to accept the three properties and put the properties on the condemnation list. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Koy Butler made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor Henry F Reed III

Attest:

City Clerk