

**CITY OF LONOKE**  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**3rd Qtr. CONDEMNATION MEETING**  
**July 21, 2022 (Corrected)**

The Lonoke City Council held a special Condemnation meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at city hall. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Trae Reed. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards was asked to call the roll. City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and a quorum.

Mayor	Trae Reed
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	Craig Blackard
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson (Absent)
Council Members	Efrem Jones (absent), Alice Bridges, Raymond Hatton (absent), Ryan Biles (absent), Michael Florence, Koy Butler, Gib Richardson, and Suzette Elmore
City Attorney	Ginger Stuart
Police Chief	Matt Edwards (absent)
W/S/S Supt.	Thomas Stivers (absent)
C.C. Director	Mike Brown (absent)
Fire Dept.	Justin Whittenburg (absent)
Parks Director	Roy Don (absent)
Community Dev.	Jeremy Gosdin
News Media	Rick Kron, The Leader (absent)
Visitors	James Shepard

1. **601/603 Hicks Street-** This is a duplex that the property owner is attempting to get a lot split. The owner was present and explained that he has worked to get a survey complete on the property, he hasn't had much luck getting someone to the property. The council discussed options for the property. Ginger Stuart mentioned that she will have more answers at the August Council meeting.
2. **415 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned that a contractor is asking for a permit to get the property in better shape. Mr. Gosdin asked the council if they wanted the contractor to get a building permit, which is 2 years. After some discussion, the council does not feel that there has not been any progress. The council will bring a resolution to the council meeting in August.
3. **302 Brown Street-** Mr. Gosdin has had no interaction with anyone. Ginger Stuart mentioned that she has been in touch with the guardian of the owner. Koy Butler made a motion to condemn the property. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. The resolution will be read next council meeting.

<b><u>2022 Budget</u></b>	\$30,000.00
<b><u>Condemnations</u></b>	\$5,550.00

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<u>Title Searches</u>	\$2,000.00
<u>Notice Expenses</u>	\$125.62
<u>Legal Fees/Admin</u>	\$250.00

Remaining                    **\$22,073.78**

After the budget was discussed Mr. Gosdin went over a few other properties that could be put on the list for condemnation, depending on money. The properties are listed below.

1. **119 East Front-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned this building is in despair. After some discussion the council decided to wait to get more information.
2. **314 E Locust Street-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned that this property is listed as a church.
3. **418 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street-** Mr. Gosdin explained the property and the problems that it has.
4. **115 Frontage Road-** This is a hotel that is falling apart. Mr. Gosdin mentioned the eye sore and the Police Department is having problems with people staying in the structure.
5. **420 E. Academy** – This is a nursing home that 2 years ago the council had the owner board up windows. This structure is still in bad shape.

After the council went through the choices, Mayor asked the council how they want to spend the remaining \$22,000.00. Koy Butler would like to see the current properties be condemned, which are 601/603 Hicks St., 415 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., and 302 Brown St. Gib Richardson mentioned he would like to clean up the lots that are more visible such as 417 S. Center St.

**Code Enforcement-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned that Ordinance 581 should be used for the two properties below. The properties should be torn down.

1. **417 South Center-** Empty Lot, that is overgrown.
2. **114 E Locust-** House in disrepair. The council would like to move on condemning because the owner has not done anything.
3. **709 Jefferson-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned that he has written tickets and the owner has paid them. However, the owner has not done much. The home is in disrepair.

**Adjourn** – Gib Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**Mayor Henry F Reed III**

**Attest:**

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