

CITY OF LONOKE  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
3rd Qtr. CONDEMNATION MEETING  
October 21, 2021

The Lonoke City Council held a special Condemnation meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021 via Zoom. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Efrem Jones. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards to call the roll. City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and a quorum.

Mayor	Trae Reed
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson (Absent)
Council Members	Efrem Jones, Alice Bridges(absent), Raymond Hatton (absent), Ryan Biles (absent), Michael Florence, 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

**1. Properties being considered for condemnation-**

**A. Property at 206 England Street** -Mr. Gosdin mentioned that this building structure has been removed. Mr. Gosdin asked the council to take the property off the list. Koy Butler made a motion to remove the property. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. Property at 304 E. Ash Street-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned this property is in probate. Mr. Gosdin explained to the council he has spoken with Mr. Larry Raper. Mr. Raper explained that he will be tearing this property down on his own. Michael Florence made a motion to leave this property on the list until the next condemnation meeting in January 2022. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. Property at 419 E. 9<sup>th</sup>. Street-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned that this property has been cleared. Mr. Gosdin asked the council to take this property off the list. Gib Richardson made a motion to take the property off. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**D. Property at 416 Washington Street-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned that this property has had a fire. The property owner asked Mr. Gosdin to give them more time. There has been work done on the

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property. Efrem Jones made a motion to leave the property on the list until the January 2022 meeting. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**E. Property at 116 N. Front St.-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned that he has worked with the owners of the property. Mr. Gosdin mentioned that the structure is almost gone. There is a bid of \$6,000.00, however he does feel the owners will take care of this property. Michael Florence made a motion to leave the property on the list until January meeting. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**F. Property at 318 Harrison Street-** Mr. Gosdin mentioned that this property is certified to the State of Arkansas, this property has not been removed. Mr. Gosdin suggested the city assume responsibility to have this property removed. The cost is \$5,550.00. Gib Richardson made a motion to move on the property. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**G. Resolution 10-4-2021- "Demolition of 318 Harrison Street"-** Suzette Elmore made a motion to put Res. 10-4-2021 on the floor. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Res. 10-4-2021 and its entirety. Suzette Elmore made a motion to accept the first reading. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2021 Budget...	\$30,000.00
Title Searches...	\$2,500.00
Notice Expenses...	\$325.18
Legal Fees/Admin...	\$205.00
Remaining balance...	\$26,948.97

**2. Bid Results on Demolition for 318 Harrison Street-** Moyer Excavating, Little Rock AR. gave a bid for \$14,500.00. T.D. Sims, Jacksonville AR gave a bid for \$5,550.00. Efrem Jones made a motion to accept Item #3 for \$5,550.00. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**3. Budget Stats of Previous Liens-**

1. 317 Harrison... pending
2. 719 S. Center... pending
3. 315 McKinley... paid \$6,500.00

**4. New Properties to Consider for the January 2022 Condemnation meeting-**

**A. 216 Frank T. Bunton-** Suzette Elmore made a motion to put this property on the condemnation list. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. 105 Lynn Lane-** Efrem Jones made a motion to put this property on the condemnation list. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**C. 415 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street-** Gib Richardson made a motion to put this property on the condemnation list. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**5. Arkansas Business Magazine-** Mayor Reed mentioned that he would like to see the City of Lonoke take part in the Trendsetter City 2021. This magazine recognizes innovative cities. Mayor Reed asked the council to have a ½ page ad in the November 8<sup>th</sup> addition of the magazine. The cost is \$3,175.00. Also, to have a full page add in the December issue, the cost for this is \$4,165.00. The total cost is \$7,340.00. Koy Butler made a motion to accept this cost and take part in both November and December ads. Michael Florence seconded the motion. After some discussion Koy Butler amended his motion to allow Mayor Reed to approve the ad's first before publication. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjourn –** Gib Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**Mayor Henry F Reed III**

**Attest:**

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**City Clerk**