

CITY OF LONOKE  
CITY COUNCIL CONDEMNATION INFO SESSION  
January 16, 2020

The Lonoke City Council held a working session in City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday January 16, 2020. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given himself. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards to call the roll. City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared this working session with no quorum.

Mayor	Trae Reed
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	Phillip Howell
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson (absent)
Council Members	Efrem Jones (absent), Alice Bridges, Raymond Hatton (absent), Ryan Biles (absent), Matt Cordell, Michael Florence (absent), Koy Butler (absent), and Suzette Elmore
City Attorney	Ginger Stuart
Police Chief	Matt Edwards (absent)
W/S/S Supt.	Jim Kelley
C.C. Director	Mike Brown (absent)
Fire Dept.	Justin Wittenberg
Parks Director	Pierce Johnson (absent)
Community Dev.	Bill Blankenship
News Media	Rick Kron, The Leader (absent)
Visitors	Vonda Evans, Ben Kittler

Mayor Reid opened the meeting by mentioning that the city is in a great spot to move forward on certain properties. He mentioned that city council plans to take action on three properties every three months. Hopefully, 12 properties per year. Mayor thanked Ms. Vonda for all of the hard work on the process up until this point.

Ms. Vonda Evans was present and explained that condemnation has been tabled since last year. She explained that she has still worked with code enforcement on these properties. After several meetings she and the code enforcers has decided that Ordinance #575 is completely workable. She went through all the properties that are on the present condemnation list. It was discussed that several properties that has been taken care of, but several that have been not taken care of. After going through each property Ms. Vonda recommended properties that should be put on the “watch” list and the properties that need immediate attention.

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Ms. Vonda mentioned that Mr. Bill Blankenship will be in contact with the property owners by posting letters on the property, if they haven't contacted the City before the April meeting, the city council will need to deem them condemned with a resolution.

Once the council has the three properties improved, there will be three more put on the list.

Mayor Reid thanked everyone for being at the working session and hopes to have a good outcome regarding the condemned properties in the City of Lonoke. He does believe this plan will have a great outcome.

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Mayor Trae Reed

Attest:

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City Clerk

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