

OTTUMWA BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

MEETING NO. 3  
Council Chambers, City Hall

June 7, 2022  
5:30 O'clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member McAntire, Hull, Pope, Roe, Galloway and Mayor Johnson.

Approval of Minutes 1. Roe moved, seconded by McAntire to approve the mins. from Mtg. No. 2 on April 19, 2022 as presented. All ayes.

306 W. Sixth 2. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 306 W. Sixth in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported property has been placarded since Feb. 2019. There was a repair plan issued to the Health Dept. but little to no effort has been put into restoring the structure. The property remains unsecured and open to the elements with several code violations. Hull moved, seconded by Pope to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Hull to condemn the structures located at 306 W. Sixth, 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. All ayes.

201 N. Holt 3. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 201 N. Holt in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Simonson reported property has been placarded since Dec. 2018. The dwelling has been without utilities for the duration of the file. We have rec'd many complaints of squatters and occupants without permission staying on the property. The paper file for this property was misplaced in 2019 so the file was restarted Oct. 2021. The placard was removed by the owners in 2018 and by April 2019, no progress was made. Inspection completed May 10, 2022 was the first time we had been able to enter the premises; we updated the deficiency list and requested follow up inspection. June 7, 2022 inspection did show some interior progress being made; still significant electrical work to complete. From my understanding there are also outstanding utility bills which have played a factor in this. The owner was arrested Aug. 25, 2020 for keeping animals in placarded dwelling. Property owner, Kevin Skinner, discussed the improvements made; he works from 1:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. daily and only able to work on the property in the mornings. He currently resides at 15781 150<sup>th</sup> Street. Two items from the original deficiency list were competed (hand railing & overhang) but we are now almost four yrs. later and utilities still haven't been hooked up. Mr. Skinner plans to borrow against his 401K to get utility bill paid so he can put them back in his name. Skinner also stated he would have all deficiencies completed in six months. Roe moved,

seconded by Hull to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by McAntire to condemn the structures located at 201 N. Holt, 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. Vote taken: Ayes: McAntire, Hull, Roe, Galloway. Nays: Pope. Motion carried 4-1.

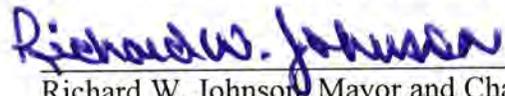
- 153 S. Fellows 4. A public hearing was held on the matter of condemnation of the property located at 153 S. Fellows on April 19, 2022. City Council agreed to delay the condemnation if property owner complied with specific conditions. Those conditions have not been met. The inspection occurred April 29, 2022 but no repair plan was submitted despite attempts to contact property owner. For breaching the agt. set on April 19, 2022, staff recommended proceeding with condemnation.

Roe moved, seconded by Hull to condemn the structures located at 153 S. Fellows, 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. All ayes.

- Adjourn 5. There being no further business, McAntire moved, seconded by Hull that the mtg. adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 6:00 P.M.

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Richard W. Johnson, Mayor and Chairman

ATTEST:



Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk