

OTTUMWA BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

MEETING NO. 10
Council Chambers, City Hall

December 6, 2022
5:30 O'clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M.

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

Approval of Minutes 1. Galloway moved, seconded by McAntire to approve mins. from Mtg. No. 9 on Nov. 15, 2022 as presented. All ayes.

1056 Tuttle 2. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 1056 Tuttle in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Zoning & Housing Coordinator Rusch reported the structure was placarded Oct. 26, 2021 due to dilapidation. Owners of property have been in communication with staff and have no interest in making repairs to the structure. Roe moved, seconded by Galloway to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by McAntire to condemn the structures located at 1056 Tuttle, 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.

1054 Tuttle 3. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 1054 Tuttle in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Rusch reported the structure was placarded Oct. 26, 2021 due to living conditions, bad foundation and dilapidation. Owners of property have been in communication with staff and have no interest in making repairs to the structure. Pope moved, seconded by McAntire to close the public hearing. All ayes.

McAntire moved, seconded by Roe to condemn the structures located at 1054 Tuttle, 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.

530 W. Fourth 4. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 530 W. Fourth in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Rusch reported the structure was placarded Oct. 26, 2021 due to bad living conditions and safety concerns. There have been multiple nuisance complaints and the city has had several mowing abatements on this property. No progress has been made and the structure continues to deteriorate. There is no current repair plan. Jenny Ochoa stated she is the realtor for this property and have buyers interested in purchasing but are requesting a six month extension on getting the repairs completed. Jacqueline Victoria, daughter of property owner, stated due to money issues they have not been able to make any repairs to the property. My dad has

been a drug addict and was the only person in the household that was working; my brother and I have been working and trying to save money for the repairs. If we could have an extension, we can get the larger deficiencies repaired and plan to sell it. Jenny again stated she has multiple interested buyers for the property and could have a buyer under contract within two weeks to start on repairs. Rusch reminded council that selling the property doesn't remedy the extensive deficiency list. Council discussed; the property owner has received correspondence for over one yr., but is now requesting an extension; why does the owner wait this long to try and remedy? Pablo Zavala is also a realtor that has had interested buyers for this property. He stated, both the son and daughter recently came to my office for assistance in this situation. They did not know what to do. Both Jenny and I have been in contact with Jake trying to help the family. Did we know that the owner did not speak English? Jake stated whenever they met for inspections, either the daughter or son would also be there to translate. Galloway stated we need to create a policy for this situation and send correspondences in different languages if we know they do not speak English. Mr. Zavala asked to give them two weeks, until the next city council mtg. and they will have a set plan for the repairs. Pope stated she would rather see someone else pay for the repairs and not the city pay for demolition. Hull moved, seconded by McAntire to close the public hearing. All ayes.

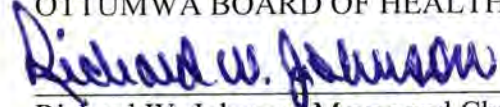
McAntire moved, seconded by Roe to condemn the structures located at 530 W. Fourth, order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all costs attendant to such actions, including admin. costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. Vote taken Ayes: Hull, Roe, McAntire. Nays: Pope, Galloway. Motion carried 3-2.

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

Adjournment was at 6:03 P.M.

ATTEST:


Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

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Richard W. Johnson, Mayor and Chairman