

OTTUMWA BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING NO. 8  
Council Chambers, City Hall

October 18, 2022  
5:30 O'clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M.

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

Approval of Minutes 1. Galloway moved, seconded by Roe to approve mins. from Mtg. No. 7 on September 20, 2022 as presented. All ayes.

517 Grant 2. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 517 Grant in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Zoning & Housing Coordinator Rusch reported the structure was placarded Feb. 6, 2021 due to poor living conditions and structural issues. The City has had limited contact from the owners and there have been several missed inspections. Very little to no progress has been made and it continues to deteriorate. No current repair plan on file. Roe moved, seconded by Galloway to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Hull moved, seconded by McAntire to condemn the structures located at 517 Grant, 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.

1016 S. Weller 3. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 1016 S. Weller in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Comm. Development Dir. Simonson reported 1016 S. Weller has had a housing file since Oct. 2020. There have been multiple nuisance, junk motor vehicles, and grass notices as well. 1016 S. Weller was placarded Oct. 26, 2021 due to poor living conditions, structural issues, and lack of utilities. The house has had outdoor nuisance issued during the duration of the file. Very little to no progress has been made and it continues to deteriorate and harbor nuisances around the property. There is no current repair plan on file. Brad Henry requested to speak on behalf of his cousin (property owner) on this item. Colt has some mitigating circumstances that affect his ability to take care of his property; he suffers from mental health issues, PTSD, agoraphobia and is currently being treated for said issues. He has no legal representation at the current time. Mr. Henry only found out about this condemnation two weeks ago and will do whatever is needed to get his place cleaned up and fixed so he does not lose his property. Simonson also clarified if council grants an extension, the property would still be placarded and uninhabitable. You can see from the photos that the outside has numerous nuisances that need addressed and what you can't see are significant structural issues that also need taken care of. Galloway moved, seconded by McAntire to close the public hearing. All ayes.

McAntire moved, seconded by Hull to condemn the structures located at 1016 S. Weller, 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. Motion carried 4-1. Pope: Nay.

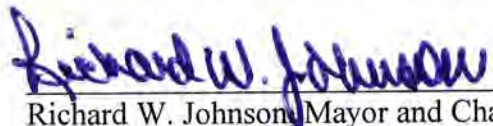
- 734 Center
4. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 734 Center in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Rusch reported 734 Center was placarded March 2, 2022 due to a house fire. The City has had zero contact from the owners and there have been several missed inspections. No progress has been made and the house continues to deteriorate. No repair plan on file. Roe moved, seconded by Galloway to close the public hearing. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by McAntire to condemn the structures located at 734 Center, 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, Galloway moved, seconded by McAntire that the mtg. adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 5:59 P.M.

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Richard W. Johnson, Mayor and Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk