

LAFAYETTE HEARING AUTHORITY
May 17, 2022

The Lafayette Hearing Authority met on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of Lafayette City Hall. Present were: Gary Henriott and Ron Shriner. Absent: Cindy Murray

Jacque Chosnek, City Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Shriner called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mr. Henriott moved for approval of the May 18, 2021 minutes. Mr. Shriner seconded. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Chosnek stated that 414 Central Avenue garage has been torn down 2-3 weeks ago.

NEW BUSINESS

Order to Comply and Notice to Appear at Demolition Hearing-101 Park Avenue, Lafayette Indiana 47904

Mrs. Chosnek stated that the Order to Comply was issued to Cathleen M. Cavanaugh and was served notice for the hearing both by regular first-class mail and Mr. Latshaw taped a copy of the notice to her front door. Mrs. Chosnek stated that Mrs. Cavanaugh is not present for the hearing.

Phil Latshaw, City Code Inspector, stated that he has had to deal with the conditions of this garage a few years ago. The City agreed to let Mrs. Cavanaugh rebuild the garage if the proper permits were obtained. Mrs. Cavanaugh did not obtain the permits. Last summer 2021 a tree fell on the garage. Mr. Latshaw sent Mrs. Cavanaugh an unsafe structure letter about the condition of the garage. No work has been complete as of May 10, 2022 and there has been no contact with Mrs. Cavanaugh. Mr. Latshaw recommended demolition of the garage entirely. Mr. Latshaw stated that the house is starting to deteriorate including the back porch. No work has been done with multiple letters sent to Mrs. Cavanaugh. There are traps on the roof of the back porch and garage to prevent water entering the structure. Mr. Latshaw recommended a repair or new roof put on the back porch.

Mrs. Chosnek stated that the Order to Comply that was issued has multiple parts that include:

1. Removal of all trash, debris, fire hazardous materials and junk no later than midnight May 19, 2022
2. Repair or replace the roof on the back section of the house no later than midnight on June 1, 2022.
3. Paint all wood trim and siding no later than midnight on June 1, 2022.
4. Demolitions of the Garage Only no later than midnight on June 1, 2022.
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Mr. Latshaw stated that Mrs. Cavanaugh currently resides at the residence. Mr. Henriott asked if the neighbors are complaining. Mr. Latshaw stated that no one has called to make a complaint but the neighbors have approached him when he has been on site applauding the City's efforts to get the house safe and cleaned up.

Mrs. Chosnek stated that the Order to comply is affirmed today and the work is not completed by the time that Mrs. Cavanaugh was given in the deadline, the City can go on without further notice and clean up the debris and trash. The demolition of the garage is something that can be done in-house by the Street and Sanitation Departments. The painting and repairing the back-porch roof is a little harder to get

compliance from the home owner due to not having the staff for those types of projects. Mr. Henriott moved to affirm the demolition order. Mr. Shriner seconded. Motion Carried.

UPDATES

Mrs. Chosnek stated that she has been busy in the last few weeks trying to take care of some reoccurring problem properties. Mrs. Chosnek stated that she has had contact with Mark Kimbell regarding his properties on 26th Street and Perdue Street. Mrs. Chosnek stated that the City took Mr. Kimbell to court regarding the carriage house and garage on 26th Street. The garage on 26th Street has been torn down since that order. Mrs. Chosnek stated that the garage on Perdue Street has caught fire and has since been torn down by the City. Mrs. Chosnek stated that her office went through an overview of all Hearing Authority compliances with a new procedure. The new procedure will allow for quicker response time on clean-up and compliance.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 9:28 a.m.

Ron Shriner s/s
President

Minutes prepared by Mindy Miller Riehle, 1st Deputy Clerk

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