

Call to Order

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a **Public Hearing on unsafe properties at 4:00 p.m. Monday, January 6, 2020**, in Council Chambers at City Hall, pursuant to order adopted December 3, 2019, at Minute Book 2019 Page 288, to determine if the following properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1 (in at 4:06 p.m.); Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Mary Dryden, Ward 4 (in at 4:13 p.m.); and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5. Others in attendance included Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Clerk of Council, Ronda S. Cole; Deputy Clerk of Council, Lisa Luu; City staff members; media; and the public.

Council President Carroll called the meeting to order and explained the procedures.

Public Hearing

1. 2020-1 Hold Public Hearing to determine if certain properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, according to the provision of MS Code 1972, Section 21-19-11.

Code Enforcement Division Manager, Wiley Quinn presented the properties to be considered. Mr. Quinn recommended the that the Council adopt resolutions determining the properties are in such a state of uncleanliness so as to be a menace to the health and safety of the community, providing a specified period of time to remove the violations, and declaring the City's intent to take action to clear violations and charge the cost plus penalty against the property if the violations are not resolved in the specified period of time. He recommended resolutions allowing homeowners 15 days to resolve violations.

Regarding Case Number 1, owner of 909 E. Laurel Ave., Mr. Andrew Moore appeared before the Council to discuss forward plans regarding the conditions of the property. Mr. Moore stated that he has been coordinating with Mr. Quinn, and he is in the process of getting the property taken care of. Mr. Quinn recommends the Council to pass the resolution.

Regarding Case Number 5, Mr. Ben Sones appeared before the Council to discuss plans for property 1214 Putnam Ave. Mr. Sones stated that the owner of this property belonged to his deceased father-in-law. Mr. Sones also explained that he had tried contacting Code Enforcement twice and have done some cleaning to the property. Council President Carroll responded that the Council will continue passing the resolution and advised Mr. Sones to stay in contact with Mr. Quinn.

Regarding Case Number 6, Mr. David Chunn, owner of Rawls Springs Loop (Parcel 2-024L-31-004.00) appeared before the Council to discuss further plans for the property. Council President Carroll advised Mr. Chunn to stay in contact with Mr. Quinn.

There were no other citizens present who wished to address the Council regarding properties listed for the public hearing.

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll **closed the public hearing at 4:09 p.m.** and proceeded with the Agenda Review.

2. **2020-27** Public Hearing for Unsafe Properties Sign-In Sheet, 1-6-2020.

Attachments: 1-6-2020 Unsafe PH Sign-In Sheet

Agenda Review

Council President Carroll proceeded with the Agenda Review.

Following discussion of agenda items, Council President Carroll closed the Agenda Review.

Citizens' Forum

Council Vice President Dryden proceeded with the Citizens' Forum.

She stated the procedures and invited members of the public to speak.

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- Joseph Rawson, 701 Dearborne St.

There were no other citizens present who wished to address the Council.

Council Vice President Dryden closed the Citizen Forum.

1. **2020-28** Citizens' Forum Sign-In Sheet, 1-6-2020.

Attachments: 1-6-2020 Citizens' Forum Sign-In Sheet
 Letter from Joseph Rawson, 1-6-2020

Meeting Recess

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll declared the **meeting recessed at 4:18 p.m., this the 6th day of January, 2020.**

ATTEST:

APPROVE:



Clerk of Council



Council President

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

APPROVE:



City Clerk



Mayor