



## COMMUNITY SERVICES MINUTES

July 9th, 2024

### **In Attendance:**

#### ***Committee Members:***

Council Chair – Evelyn Reed

#### ***Council Members present:***

Council Member Bill Donner

Council Member Jeff Morrow

Council member Jeff Hamm

Council Member Judd Hart

Council Member Steve Brown

Council Member Frank Baptist

Tom Farmer - Mayor

John Parton – Community Development Director

Bruce Thomas – Code Enforcement

Council Chair Evelyn Reed declares a quorum and calls the meeting to order. Introductions are made around the room. Council Chair Reed made a motion to entertain approval of the June 11th minutes, *Alderman Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve, Alderman Jeff Hamm seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

### ***Community Services Agenda:***

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

#### **CONDEMNATIONS**

**719 SOUTH MARKET STREET** - This property was formally a trailer park down on Market and Jackman. There's one partially demolished trailer that's still sitting on the property and Code Enforcement hasn't had any luck with the owner finishing the job of getting it removed. The reason for going through the condemnation process is due to getting the utilities disconnected.

**300 NORTH 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET** – This is the first house south of Sevier Street. It's been vacant since 2010. A large tree fell through the home causing major structural damage. Mr. Thomas has spoken to the property owner and he agrees it's a total loss. The owner did request additional time and was told that the city would work with him as long as progress is being made.

**1206 MISTY DRIVE** – This property has sustained a small fire and utilities were cut in 2021. There's no one staying in the property. There's a hole in the roof and the house as well as the pool house have been unsecured. Code is having to deal with landscaping and structural issues over the last 5 years. The house has been foreclosed on. There is a property management company that has taken over and code enforcement is in close contact with them and with the mortgage company. Mr. Thomas expects this to be fully resolved.

*Council Member Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve all 3 condemnations, while Council Member Jeff Hamm seconded the motion. Motion carries.*

### **LANDLORDS INCORPORATING TRASH PICKUP COST INTO LEASE AGREEMENTS**

Mr. Thomas indicated that they'd love to see landlords be responsible for trash collection on their properties. He stated that we have the option to require the size, type of container, and frequency of pickup. This will give us the opportunity to better regulate this type of issue which is very important. Mr. Thomas has spoken to several landlords in town to get feedback and half would like to give it some thought while 20-30% think it's a great idea and 20% don't really care for the idea.

Council Member Steve Brown asked about the trash situation at the Revive (Chapel Ridge) Apartments. Mr. Thomas stated that they go out there every Monday to check it out. The complex has a compactor but it's very limited to what it can do. Mr. Thomas said dealing with their issues is an ongoing battle.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

MEETING ADJOURNED

