



COMMUNITY SERVICES MINUTES

March 11, 2025

In Attendance:

Council Members present:

Council Member Frank Baptist
Council Member Steve Brown
Council Member Evelyn Reed
Council Member Judd Hart
Council Member Jeff Morrow
Council Member Ann Spencer Cole
Council Member Bill Donnor
Council Member Trevor Villines
Council Member Jeff Hamm
Mayor Tom Farmer
Bruce Thomas – Code Compliance
Chelsea Matthews – City Planner

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 February 11th minutes, *Council member Ann Spencer Cole made a motion to approve, Council member Trevor Villines seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

Community Services Agenda:

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter into a Contract with John Young for the Lease of Real Property Located in Downtown Benton for the Placement of a Farmer's Market, and for other purposes.

Mayor Farmer stated that when we moved locations, they realized that the current agreement had expired. Mayor Farmer reached out to Mr. Young, and he agreed to extend the lease for another (5) years on the parking lot as well as the Farmer's Market area. The only thing that changes is the dates, the contract terms stay the same. *Council member Trevor Villines made a motion to approve, Council member Jeff Hamm seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

ITEM B – CONDEMNATION/LIENS

4106 Faye Street – Bruce Thomas with Code Compliance stated the house is falling in on itself. He has spoken with the homeowner's daughter, and she's stated that they will help resolve this in any way they can and may even try to sell the property. *There was a motion made to go ahead with the condemnation of 4106 Faye Street. Motion approved.*

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

OTHER –

3001 Primrose Drive Update – Mr. Thomas said there is progress being made. They have received the mold study report with no concerns being presented as no active termite issues. Ms. Humes has entered into a termite service contract. There has been a primer coat put on the exterior. There have been 3 estimates given on a new roof. Dumpsters are continuing to be filled and emptied. The house is about 80% empty, and a remodel permit has been issued.

Council member Judd Hart asked what the next critical step would be to the house and Mr. Thomas stated the roof and this should be done in approximately 45 days. A representative for Ms. Humes approached the podium and stated that the exterior of the house is about 75% done. Council member Ann Spencer Cole asked if photos of the inside of the house could be made/provided. It was stated that once the roof is placed, there should be no safety issues and photos could be taken.

Council chair Reed stated that in their packets there is the monthly development review that can be looked over at any time.

Meeting Adjourned

