

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
 CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On September 5, 2019, the Condemnation Appeals Commission met at 4:00 p.m. for a Regular meeting at City Hall, 601 S Buchanan St., in Room 306 of City Hall.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tom Roller, Chairman	Yes	29	25
Frank Willburn, Vice Chair	Yes	24	15
Richard Constancio Jr.	Yes	29	21
Joel Favela	Yes	29	24
Jim Banes	Yes	8	6
ALTERNATE MEMBER			
George Cumming	No	29	14

Also in attendance were:

Ismael "Izzy" Rivera Jr.
 Bryan McWilliams
 Gwen Gonzales
 Stephanie Garcia

BUILDING OFFICIAL, CITY OF AMARILLO
 CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO
 BUILDING SAFETY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO
 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I, CITY OF AMARILLO

This meeting of the Condemnation Appeals Commission was called to order by Mr. Tom Roller, established a quorum at 4:00 p.m.

ITEM 1: Minutes:

Mr. Joel Favela made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Jim Banes, the motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

ITEM 2: Resolution-Calling a Public Hearing to determine whether certain conditions described herein constitute a Public Nuisance at the locations stated:

This resolution sets the date and time for a public hearing on October 3, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. to determine if the properties located at 1419 NW 10th Avenue and 3501 S Taylor Street constitute public nuisances and thereby declare as dangerous structures or an accumulation of solid waste and order the removal of such. A copy of this resolution will be mailed to all interested parties providing ten (10) days notice of public hearing. Mr. Richard Constancio Jr. made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Frank Willburn, the motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

ITEM 3: Resolution - Public Hearing:

This resolution conducts a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structures located at 723 N Garfield Street.

Mr. Ismael Rivera Jr., Building Official, presented the case with a PowerPoint presentation describing the conditions of the property. This property consists of a fire damaged residential structure and a detached accessory structure and an accumulation of solid waste. The property has been without water service since October 13, 2017. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 5 times since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 3 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, open structure and this Dangerous Structure case. This property is located 4 blocks from an elementary school, 5 blocks from a middle school and park, 4 blocks from a City park and is 1½ blocks from a major thoroughfare. Building Safety has had no recent permit activity. This property is an attractive nuisance, represents a hazard to the neighborhood, blight on the area and an unsafe environment. Mr. Rivera's recommendation is to demolish the structures; Items II and V. The current and delinquent taxes are due and there is money owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup jobs. The Commissioners then had the opportunity to ask Mr. Rivera any questions. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone present with a legal interest in the property. No one was present. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak concerning the property. No one was present. The Chairman closed the hearing. Mr.

Frank Willburn made a motion to approve the resolution for Options II & V, seconded by Mr. Richard Constancio Jr., the motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

ITEM 4: Resolution – Public Hearing:

This resolution conducts a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structures located at 902 N Lincoln Street.

Mr. Ismael Rivera Jr., Building Official, presented the case with a PowerPoint presentation describing the conditions of the property. The property consists of a fire damaged residential structure. The property has been without water service since August 28, 2017. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 15 time since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 4 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, open structure and this Dangerous Structure case since it became vacant. This property is located 2 blocks from a city park, 3 blocks from an elementary school, 4 blocks from a middle school and park and 1 block from a major thoroughfare. Building Safety has had no recent permit activity. There has been minimal attempt by the owner to repair or abate the hazards. This property is an attractive nuisance, represents a hazard to the neighborhood, blight on the area and an unsafe environment. Mr. Rivera's recommendation is to demolish the structures; Item II. The current and delinquent taxes are due and there is money owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup jobs. The Commissioners then had the opportunity to ask Mr. Rivera any questions. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone present with a legal interest in the property. No one was present. Chairman then asked if there was a neighbor or anyone else who wished to speak concerning the property. Verlinda Pride Watson, 904 N Lincoln Street, approached the podium. She was in agreement that the property needs to be demolished. The Chairman closed the hearing. Mr. Joel Favela made a motion to approve the resolution for Option II, seconded by Mr. Richard Constancio Jr., the motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

ITEM 5: Adjournment:

The Chairman, Mr. Tom Roller concluded the meeting. He opened the floor for any public comments. There being no more public comment or further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the Department of Building Safety.



Tom Roller, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gwen Gonzales, Building Safety Manager