

MINUTES

On October 3, 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	30	26
Frank Willburn, Vice Chair	No	25	15
Richard Constancio Jr.	Yes	30	22
Joel Favela	Yes	30	25
Jim Banes	Yes	9	7
ALTERNATE MEMBER			
George Cumming	No	30	14

Also in attendance were:

Rich Anderson	DEPUTY BUILDING OFFICIAL, CITY OF AMARILLO
Bryan McWilliams	CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO
Gwen Gonzales	BUILDING SAFETY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO
Stephanie Garcia	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 4:01 p.m. The Chairman, Mr. Tom Roller opened the floor for any public comments to speak to any item on the agenda that doesn't have a public hearing.

ITEM 1: Minutes:

Mr. Joel Favela made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Richard Constancio Jr, the motion passed with a 4:0 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 November 21, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. to determine if the properties located at 2508 Arthur Street and 1319 Dahlia 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. Joel Favela, the motion passed with a 4:0 vote.

ITEM 3: Resolution - Public Hearing:

This resolution conducts a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structures located at 1419 NW 10th Avenue.

Mr. Rich Anderson, Deputy 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. The property has an open utility account; however, the meter was pulled for a delinquent account on June 10, 2019. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 3 times since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 9 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, junk vehicles and this Dangerous Structure case since the fire date. This property is located 2 ½ blocks from an elementary school and park and is 1½ blocks from a major thoroughfare. An electrical permit was requested on September 10, 2018 to repair damage due to fire damage; however, the permit was closed without any inspection on April 4, 2019 by the permit holder's request. 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. Anderson's recommendation is to demolish the structures; Item II. The current 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. Anderson any questions. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone present with a legal interest in the property. Angela Johnson, 1419 NW 10th Avenue, approached the podium. She states her uncle purchased the property so she could live with him to take care of him until he passed. She has been legally battling for ownership of the property since then. She states the cause for the fire and has been dealing with family issues. She agrees the structure needs to be demolished. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak concerning the property. Shequila Johnson, 4215 S Western Street, approached the podium. Her question was when demolition on the house would begin. Gwen Gonzales explained the time line for demolition. The Chairman closed the hearing. Mr. Joel Favela made a motion to approve the resolution for Option II, seconded by Mr. Jim Banes, the motion passed with a 4:0 vote.

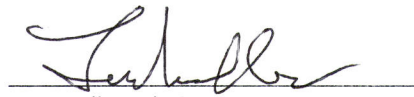
ITEM 4: Resolution – Public Hearing:

This resolution conducts a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structures located at 3501 S Taylor Street.

Mr. Rich Anderson, Deputy Building Official, presented the case with a PowerPoint presentation describing the conditions of the property. The property consists of a residential structure and a detached structure. The property has been without water service since September 18, 2017. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 2 time since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 6 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, junk vehicle, zoning violation and this Dangerous Structure case since it became vacant. This property is located 2 blocks from an elementary school and 2 blocks 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. Anderson's recommendation is to demolish the structures; Item II. The current 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. Anderson 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. Marcus Marufo, 3502 S Taylor Street, approached the podium. Mr. Marufo states that the property owner is living in the accessory building. He also asked if a tree on the property could be removed. He agrees the structures need to be demolished. Wayne Hollabaugh, 5918 Oakman Drive, approached the podium. He owns the property across the alley from this. He agreed the structures need to be demolished. The Chairman closed the hearing Mr. Richard Constancio Jr., made a motion to approve the resolution for Option II, seconded by Mr. Jim Banes, the motion passed with a 4:0 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 4:54 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