

**MINUTES**

On September 3, 2020, the Condemnation Appeals Commission met at 4:00 p.m. for a Regular meeting at City Hall, 601 S Buchanan St.

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>
Tom Roller, Chairman	Yes	37	33
Frank Willburn, Vice Chair	Yes	32	20
Richard Constancio Jr.	Yes	37	26
Joel Favela	Yes	37	31
Jim Banes	No	116	10
<b>ALTERNATE MEMBER</b>			
George Cumming	Yes	37	16

Also in attendance were:

Johnny Scholl	DEPUTY BUILDING OFFICIAL, CITY OF AMARILLO
Bryan McWilliams	CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO
Courtney White	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY I, 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 4:00 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. Richard Constancio Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. George Cumming, 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 1, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. to determine if the properties located at 2404 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Rear, 1929 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4121 S Van Buren 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 1508 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Johnny Scholl, 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, an accessory and carport. The structure sustained fire damage on November 7, 2019. The property has been without water service since March 25, 2019. The Amarillo Police Department has not been called out to this since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 2 cases; open structure and this Dangerous Structure case since the property became vacant. This property is located 2 blocks from an elementary school and park and 2 blocks from a city park. 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. Scholl's recommendation is demolition; 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. Scholl 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 Option II, seconded by Mr. Joel Favela, 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 3113 S Apache Street.

Mr. Johnny Scholl, 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, a fire damaged accessory and an accumulation of solid waste. The structures sustained fire damage on December 4, 2019. The property has been without water service since January 1, 2013. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 6 times since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 14 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, open structure and this Dangerous Structure case since the property became vacant. This property is located 4 block from a high school and 5 blocks from a city park. 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. Scholl's recommendation is demolition; Item II and V. There are no taxes due, however, there is money owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup jobs. The Commissioners then had the opportunity to ask Mr. Scholl 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. Joel Favela made a motion to approve the resolution for Option II and V, seconded by Mr. George Cumming, the motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**ITEM 5: Resolution - Public Hearing:**

This resolution conducts a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structure located at 809 N Florida Street.

Mr. Johnny Scholl, 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 an accumulation of solid waste. The structure has been involved in 3 fires: April 30, 2000, February 12, 2012 and March 28, 2017. The property has been without water service since September 11, 2013. The property has been tagged with graffiti. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 42 times since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 14 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, junk vehicles, vehicle storage and this Dangerous Structure case since the property became vacant. This property is located ½ mile from an elementary school and park and 1/2 block from a major thoroughfare, (Amarillo Blvd). 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. Scholl's recommendation is demolition; Item 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. Scholl 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. Steve Black, 2613 NW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, approached the podium. He said this has been a nuisance "real bad" and people walk up and down the alley to this place. The Chairman closed the hearing. Mr. Frank Willburn made a motion to approve the resolution for Option II and V, seconded by Mr. Richard Constancio Jr., the motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**ITEM 6: Resolution - Public Hearing:**

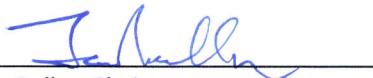
This resolution conducts a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structure located at 732 N Roberts Street.

Mr. Johnny Scholl, Deputy Building Official, presented the case with a PowerPoint presentation describing the conditions of the property. This property consists of a residential structure. The property has been without water service since November 9, 2005. The property has been tagged with graffiti. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 16 times since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 19 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, vehicle storage, various zoning violations, open structure and this Dangerous Structure case since the property became vacant. This property is located 5 blocks from an elementary school and park and 1 block from a major thoroughfare, (Amarillo Blvd). 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. Scholl's recommendation is demolition; Item II. There are no taxes due, however, there is money owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup jobs. The Commissioners then

had the opportunity to ask Mr. Scholl 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. Irene Mireles, 714 N Houston Street, approached the podium. She said they have a lot of problems with people going to this property. She has called the police several times. The people going to this property have busted the street light out. She has tried purchasing the property from the owner to clean it up. There is a lot of human feces outside in the back. The Chairman closed the hearing. Mr. George Cumming made a motion to approve the resolution for Option II and V, seconded by Mr. Joel Favela, the motion passed with a 5:0 vote.

**Adjournment:**

The Chairman, Mr. Tom Roller concluded the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 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