

CITY OF DRY RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2012
7:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – MAYOR CRUPPER
- II. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – MAYOR CRUPPER
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - COUNCIL
- IV. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – MAYOR CRUPPER
- V. OLD BUSINESS



- A. HEARING RELATING TO NUISANCE CHARGES ON 14 WARSAW AVENUE – CHIEF RICK KELLS, CARLENE HUMPHRESS-OWNER/CARETAKER
- B. TEXT AMENDMENT GYM APPROVAL – MICHAEL MULVEY
- C. TEXT AMENDMENT MERCHANDISING APPROVAL – MICHAEL MULVEY
- D. FIRST READING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT GYM &/OR MERCHANDISING (may be one or two separate ordinances) – MICHAEL MULVEY

- VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. PROPERTIES AT 221, 226, 227 REDWOOD & BLOCKING SIDEWALKS IN BRENTWOOD SUBDIVISION

- VII. ADJOURNMENT

OLD BUSINESS

A. HEARING RELATING TO NUISANCE CHARGES ON 14 WARSAW AVENUE

Mayor Crupper recognized Carlene Humphress.

Mayor Crupper stated the City wanted to get the property cleaned up and the house torn down because it is not livable. Mayor Crupper also stated the lot is not large enough to rebuild once the house is torn down.

Carlene Humphress stated that she knew the house was not livable or able to be fixed to be livable and that it needed to be torn down. Carlene Humphress stated she knew the property needed to be cleaned up. Carlene Humphress stated she understood and knew once the house was torn down that nothing could be rebuilt on the lot because it was too small for a building. Carlene Humphress stated she is letting her son in law Rodney King try to sell the property to Rick Kinman, who resides at 16 Warsaw Avenue.

Mayor Crupper recognized Police Chief Rick Kells.

Chief Rick Kells stated he presented Council with a report concerning the property at 14 Warsaw Avenue.

Chief Kells stated Ms. Humphress had been sent a letter on April 20, 2012 to cleanup 14 Warsaw Avenue by May 2, 2012. On May 1, 2012 Ms. Humphress called the City, spoke with Cindy Harris, and asked for more time at least through the weekend. Cindy Harris knew rain was forecasted. Ms. Humphress and Cindy Harris agreed on an extension until May 15, 2012. On May 16, 2012, Cindy Harris placed a call checking on the status of the cleanup. Ms. Humphress admitted the property was not livable and needed to be torn down and cleaned up and stated it would be cleaned up over the weekend. Upon inspection from Police Chief Rick Kells, only a few weeds were cut on that Friday, May 18th, 2012, but no effort had been made to cleanup or tear down. Rick Kells stated the property on several occasions through the years has been notified that a cleanup and/or demolition were in order but no attempt had been made. Chief Kells stated he then sent a certified letter to Ms. Humphress, which she would not pick up at the post office. Chief Rick Kells stated he then served Ms. Humphress in person to abate the nuisance and advised her of her right to a hearing.

Chief Kells stated he wants to continue and pursue criminal charges against Ms. Humphress to get the nuisance abated.

Council member Judy Curry moved stating out of respect and support for Police Chief Rick Kells for Chief Kells to proceed to file a criminal complaint or charges against Ms. Humphress for the abatement of the Nuisance according to our Ordinance 742-2009.

Mayor Crupper stated that if Ms. Humphress doesn't have the money to tear the house down then how would she pay the fines.

Council member Judy Curry stated that is the purpose to get the property torn down and cleaned up.

Chief Kells stated the penalties could be \$100 a day for violation if found guilty.

Chief Kells stated he even had obtained estimates of \$4400 and \$5000 to tear the property down and cleaned up 14 Warsaw Avenue.

Ms. Humphress stated she could get it torn down and cleaned up for \$3500.

Ms. Humphress indicated she thought Rick Kinman wanted to purchase the property.

After the third time Mayor Crupper asked Council member Judy Curry to withdraw her motion, Council member Judy Curry withdrew her motion.

Council member Judy Curry stated she made the motion in good faith because many people have come to the City with concerns about the condition of the 14 Warsaw Avenue and nothing had been done.

Council member Kenny Edmondson moved, Council member James Hendy seconded that if Ms. Humphress was still the owner of 14 Warsaw Avenue on June 18th, 2012, Ms. Humphress must have the property at 14 Warsaw Avenue completely torn down and cleaned up by June 25, 2012. Motion carried. Judy Curry-yes, Kenny Edmondson-yes, Karen Glore-yes, James Hendy-yes, Fred Money-yes, John Renaker-yes.

City Attorney Michael Mulvey advised Ms. Humphress that she might want to go ahead and be in contact with a demolition company with June 25th being only three weeks away.

Mayor Crupper asked Joyce Lawrence if she wanted to address Council.

Mayor Crupper then recognized Chief Rick Kells.

* Chief Kells stated the property at 12 Warsaw Avenue was not on the agenda for discussion because the Executor of the estate, Susan Lawrence, who resides in Ohio, was unable to be here until June 18, 2012. Chief Kells told Joyce Lawrence and Council he is not concerned with the civil aspect of who owns the property, but Susan Lawrence is the Executor of the estate of Irene Lawrence, deceased, former owner of the property at 12 Warsaw Avenue. Chief Kells stated that according to what Susan told him that no one is to be living in the house.

Chief Kells addressed Joyce Lawrence who is living at 12 Warsaw Avenue asking how she was disposing of her sewer because her water had been shut off.

The water was shut off for nonpayment.

Joyce Lawrence stated she was getting water to use from an old cistern on or near the property and using the sewer.

Chief Kells stated that she was stealing City sewer services for which she was not paying. Joyce Lawrence affirmed and admitted this theft of services.

Chief Kells stated to Joyce Lawrence that he had told her according to Susan Lawrence that no one was to be living there. Chief Kells reminded Joyce Lawrence that he had given her information to check on for housing.

* Joyce Lawrence told Council that she worked and was clean but would be homeless if the house had to be torn down. She stated she did not want to live in Locust Ridge.

B. TEXT AMENDMENT FITNESS CENTER











