

COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting

August 17, 2021

The Cooperstown City Council met Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Lee Watne, Steve Perry, Larry Olson, Deb Eslinger, and Allen Gruman. Others in attendance included Auditor Christine Olson, Naomi Trostad, Chad Johnson, Travis Peterson, Joann White, Preston Savre, and Victoria Blackburn, and Marshall Hogue via phone. Absent: Tim Erickson.

Public hearings were held regarding blight nuisances on property owned by NAPA, Chad Johnson, Corbin Morrison, and Preston Savre.

Marshall Hogue, representing NAPA, provided an update on the progress made with abating the nuisances NAPA was cited for. He reported the remaining vehicles are complete cars and mowing has been completed where possible, and remaining cleanup will continue. The council noted the vehicles on the north side of the alley need to be cleaned up and remaining mowing needs to be completed. Motion by Perry, seconded by Eslinger, to grant a continuance until the next regular meeting of the council on September 13, 2021, at 7:05 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Johnson provided an update on progress at his property and asked for clarification on portions of Ordinance 2017-3, which was given by Attorney Peterson and members of the council. Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to grant a continuance until the next regular meeting of the council on September 13, 2021, at 7:10 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Victoria Blackburn, speaking for Corbin Morrison, provided an update on progress at their property. She asked questions on portions of Ordinance 2017-3, with answers provided by Attorney Peterson and members of the council. Motion by Gruman, seconded by Olson to grant a continuance until the next regular meeting of the council on September 13, 2021, at 7:15 pm. Motion passed unanimously, with Perry recusing himself from the vote.

Preston Savre provided an update on the progress at his property, stating the 10-day time frame is not long enough. Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to grant a continuance until the next regular meeting of the council on September 13, 2021, at 7:20 pm.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to close the public hearings.

There was discussion on shipping containers being used for storage in town. Motion by Perry, seconded by Eslinger to put a 6-month moratorium on allowing storage containers to be moved into the city. Motion passed unanimously. The city office and attorney will do some research on creating an ordinance.

Motion to adjourn by Perry, seconded by Olson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Christine Olson, Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor