

COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting August 9, 2022

The Cooperstown City Council met Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 5:03 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Deb Eslinger, Larry Olson, Steve Perry, Charles Dehoff, Seth Hanson, and Allen Gruman. Others present: Public Works Blaine Larson, Auditor Christine Olson, Deputy Auditor Naomi Trostad, City Attorney Travis Peterson, and Robin Hasenwinkel.

Mayor Paintner opened the meeting to discuss various properties with blight issues.

1305 Lenham Ave SE/Scott Wuflestad: It was noted that there is a hole in the roof of the home and a family of raccoons has been seen going into the hole. Attorney Peterson suggested that we contact the owner and get permission to set live traps for the raccoons. As for the repair of the home, we would need to send a notice to get the process started. Motion by Gruman to send a notice. Peterson informed the council that our ordinance states we need to follow the process of contacting public health to declare a nuisance first. Gruman amended motion, seconded by Olson to move forward with contacting public health. Motion carried unanimously.

605 14th St NE/Craig Siek: A Notice to Abate Nuisance was delivered by the Griggs County Sheriff's office on July 15, 2022. Peterson explained the process for abating the nuisance. Motion by Olson, seconded by Gruman to send a notice of decision. Motion carried unanimously.

704 4th St NW/Thomas Olsen: A Notice to Abate Nuisance was delivered by the Griggs County Sheriff's office on June 23, 2022. It was noted that the property has been cleaned up somewhat, but things are still accumulating in the yard. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Gruman to send a Notice of Decision. Motion carried unanimously.

101 Burrel Ave NW/Russell Stokkeland: Property has been inspected by Public Health and determined there is violation of ordinances. Peterson feels the best route to go is pursuing a civil suit due to the current situation. Motion by Perry, seconded by Gruman to proceed with a civil suit. Motion carried unanimously.

South 60' Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 5/Jerry Hohertz: Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to proceed with preparing a Notice to Abate Nuisance. Motion carried unanimously.

102 Roberts Ave NW/Clayton Williams: Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to proceed with preparing a Notice to Abate Nuisance. Motion carried unanimously.

202 Park Ave NW/Corbin Morrison: Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to proceed with preparing a Notice to Abate Nuisance. Motion carried unanimously.

206 Park Ave NW/Christopher Davidson: Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to proceed with preparing a Notice to Abate Nuisance. Motion carried unanimously.

201 Park Ave NW/Rebecca Boggs: Motion by Olson, seconded by DeHoff to issue a letter to clean up the noxious weeds. Motion carried unanimously.

1103 Park Ave NE/David Harstad: Motion by DeHoff, seconded by Olson to issue a letter to clean up the noxious weeds. Motion carried unanimously.

The Golden Age Club (Senior Center) approached Mayor Paintner about being able to install some outlets on the east side of their building to plug in vans during winter weather and getting an easement on the city owned property. It was noted that they can do what they want with their property, but the city would not grant an easement so as not to hinder any future sale of the property.

Motion to adjourn by Olson, seconded by DeHoff. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Christine Olson, Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor