

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2017
3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Special Called Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 3:04pm.

Members present were Mayor Robert Bridges, Council Members Perry Barton, Betty Lyle, Hattie Thrasher and David Huth. Gayle Steed was absent. Also in attendance was City Administrator Michelle Irizarry, and City Clerk, Mai Chang. Contracted Inspector Philip Gruber. Media was represented by Ron Bridgeman of the Barrow Journal.

2. CONIDTION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY INSIDE CITY LIMITS

Mayor Bridges introduced Mr. Gruber and asked him to discuss the issues.

1603 Butterfly Lane:

Mr. Gruber stated he made two trips to this house. He went out the first time with Chief Johnston and the second time with the Assistant Chief Wood. Mr. Gruber stated from his understanding there has been numerous visits by the PD, people arrested at various times, evidence of crack cocaine, crystal meth and mariwana. When he went with the Chief, he was not able to go inside due to the house had a pad lock outside. When Assistant Chief and he went, the owner was home, Terry and his girlfriend was sleeping on the floor. This building is uninhabitable. The building inspector has already put a condemnation notice on the building. This is a single wide manufacture home with a make shift addition on the back. The house has rotting on the main structure and additions on the back was never finished and is rotting. The front deck is rotting and if not careful, you'll step through it.

The real concern is the inside of the home. There are feces all over the floor. The floor is caving in the bathroom. On the outside, there is a fence up with a piece of material over the front of it and behind the fence is a kitchen chair without the seat on it and thee is a 5 gallon bucket underneath it with human feces in it.

Mr. Gruber recommend that City take whatever the procedures are and contact the City Attorney and filing whatever against the home owner. 1) to get owner out of this house and 2) not to leave it in the state that it is in now. City need to press to make him responsible to remove this house out of the City. If it is left there, who knows what else might go in there and make a home out of it? Mr. Gruber stated there is enough evidence to get the house out and shut it down.

The video of the visit when Mr. Gruber went out onsite with Assistant Chief Wood was showing on the TV as he commented and made suggestions throughout the scenes.

David Huth made motion to start the legal process, contact City Attorney and move forward. Perry Barton Seconded the motion. 4/0

418 Sunset Drive:

Mr. Gruber stated that manufacture home needs to be torn down and removed. It's a life safety hazard if some children should go in it. David Huth mention that a man died in the house and was not found until 7 days. Mr. Gruber suggested to put notice on the home owner immediately and ask City Attorney on what the protocol is to proceed.

Perry Barton made motion for City Attorney to take the next appropriate steps. David Huth seconded the motion. 4/0

1657 Bethlehem Road:

Mr. Gruber stated to tear this house down, it has caved in and it is an extreme bio-safety hazard.

David Huth made the same motion as the one for 418 Sunset Dr. to contact City Attorney to take the next appropriate steps. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. 4/0

A house on Railroad St and the corner of 7th St and a house on Peter St were mention for Mr. Gruber to inspect also.

The house on 425 Sunset Dr. was discussed. Mr. Gruber stated that it's not the City's problem and read out his initial inspection statement. He suggested that owner be notified that there is nothing the City can do and he needs to contact the builder.

1668 Bethlehem Road:

Mr. Gruber recommended that owner be notified to either sell it or fix it up to be live able.

3. ADJOURN:

David Huth made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.