

MARCH 30, 2012

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

12:00 P.M.

Mayor Dennis Wilson called the special meeting to order. Present for the meeting were: Councilman Watkins, Councilman Moore, Councilwoman Roberts, Councilman Sachs, Councilman Edwards, and Councilman Lambeth. Clerk Wheeler, Candace Connell, Fire Chief Bruce Parton, and Ken Campbell from C.M. Archer Engineering were also present for the meeting.

The only item on the agenda was to discuss the dangerous building located at 110-114 West Springfield. Mayor Wilson asked Fire Chief Bruce Parton to explain the situation. Bruce stated to the council that the fire department had received a call for a wall collapse. Upon arrival he seen the building had a flower shop and 4 apartments. They noticed upon inspection that there was a 3 ft x 50 ft tall wall bulging. Chief Parton asked the City to turn the electric off in the building and suggested vacating the building until further inspection.

Mayor Wilson asked Ken Campbell, City Engineer to speak next. Ken mentioned that around 4:00 pm that evening he received a call to do an inspection on the building. He noticed the brick wall bulging was not safe and that it was unreinforced masonry. He looked above the building as well and noticed lots of cracking and wall failure at the center of building. He also suggested further investigation of the building.

Nancy Hass, property owner said she received a call from one of her tenants that the brick was shifting. She immediately evacuated the tenants and moved them to the Days Inn. She is having the building secured so that at this point nobody is able to get in. She stated that apartments 110-112 were very dangerous but the others seem fine.

Mayor Wilson explained to the council that per code and the consensus of those that have inspected the building the city needs to decide if further investigation is needed. He also explained that the owner is responsible for the liability, not the city. He also let the council know that the electricity had been turned back on and the owner of the flower shop is currently working on getting her things out so she can continue business in another location. She should have everything moved out and the electric will be shut off by later this afternoon.

Candace Connell mentioned that anyone else the property owner would decide to let go back in the building to get their belongings would need to sign a hold harmless agreement. Nancy Hass explained that she will have the forms but at this point she is not allowing any tenants to go back in to get their belongings.

Councilman Moore made a motion to make sure the property is vacated until further investigation. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. All councilmember's voted "aye".

With no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmember's voted "aye".

Mayor, Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler