

FARMERSVILLE BUILDING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2014

The Farmersville Building and Property Standards Commission met in a special called session on September 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with the following members present: Autumn Barton, Patti Ford, Andy Washam and Anne Hall. Commission member absent was Rafiqa Huddleston. Staff members present were Code Enforcement Officer Karen Dixon, City Attorney Alan Lathrom and City Secretary Edie Sims. Council Liaison John Politz was present.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Chairman Autumn Barton called the meeting to order. City Secretary Edie Sims called the roll and announced a quorum was present. John Politz presented the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Item II – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON THE BUILDING & PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 7, 2014

Patti Ford motioned to approve the minutes as presented with Anne Hall seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(Item III – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON VIOLATIONS AT 603 MAPLE STREET

Code Enforcement Officer Karen Dixon came before the Commission stating Mr. Rivera, property owner of 603 Maple, stated he is in Waco and will not be able to attend the meeting. Mr. Rivera reported to start working on the roof and windows she would need approximately 4 weeks to have the work performed.

The Commission asked how much more time would be needed to complete the work with Ms. Dixon reporting maybe 2 more months. Ms. Dixon reported the work has been very productive and appreciates what Mr. Rivera has done to bring the structure up to code. The Commission took no action on this item at this time.

(Item III – B) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON VIOLATIONS AT 116 WOODARD

Code Enforcement Officer Karen Dixon came before the Commission stating she confirmed a permit has not been attained by the property owner as of today. The condition of the structure remains the same. Jessica Duran, property owner of 116 Woodard who resides at 113 N Buckskin, stated she was unable to attend the last meeting but sent a letter to the Commission requesting 6 months to 1 year to have the structure brought up to code. Ms. Duran then received a letter after the last Building & Property Standards Commission meeting stating that she had only 30 days to attain permits and 90 days to remedy the structure or demolish the structure. Ms. Duran stated she could not possible make all necessary changes to the structure within 90 days due to financial constraints. If a permit is attained and then the structure is required to be demolished, then all money invested would be lost. Chairman Barton stated her recollection was for Ms. Duran to attain permits then the Commission would work with her on the time to make the necessary building changes.

John Politz, City Council Liaison questioned the time since the structure was inhabited. With the answer being several years, Mr. Politz questioned if given an extension, what would drive the Commission to believe the structure will be worked on

and brought back to an inhabitable state since so much time has lapsed. Ms. Duran stated her Brother-in-law will help with the construction but this feat cannot be accomplished in 90 days. Ms. Duran also stated her current residence was in a similar situation where the structure had been vacant for years and her Brother-in-law renovated the home.

Patti Ford stated she and the Commission will work with people and do not want to take away their property but work must be done and improvements shown for the Commission to continue working with property owners. A plan of action is required in order to pull permits. Ms. Duran stated if given an extension, she will contact City Hall tomorrow about the permit process.

Chairman Barton agreed with Commissioner Ford, but indicated this property has been before the Commission since April with public hearings and multiple conversations and still nothing has been done. Ms. Barton also indicated the Commission is not asking for the work to be completed in 30 days but to have permits pulled in 30 days and start with a plan of action. Anne Hall recommended offering one more extension of 30 days to pull a permit and give a plan of action. If Ms. Duran keeps her word and fulfills this portion of the process, the Commission can then consider granting a 6 month construction extension.

Autumn Barton motioned to give 30 days extension to produce a plan of action and pull permits and have prepared by the next meeting on October 9, 2014. Anne Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(Item IV) ADJOURNMENT

The Building and Property Standards Commission adjourned at 6:19:10pm.

ATTEST



Andy Washam, Secretary

APPROVED



Autumn Barton, Chairman