

**Public Hearing
City of Waveland
Blighted Properties
February 19, 2014**

City Attorney Gary Yarborough opened the hearing by saying, "Let the record reflect that on February 19, 2014 the City of Waveland moved on its minutes to consider whether the two aforementioned properties named by the Mayor are in need of cleaning under Mississippi Code Section 21-19-11." He said, "21-19-11 allows the City on its own motion or on the motion of the petition of a residence located within 400 feet of a property to move to determine whether the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. The City makes a determination before its Board of Mayor and Aldermen."

BLIGHTED PROPERTIES/FIRE DEPARTMENT/409-A WAINWRIGHT STREET

Re: Adjudication: Determination that the Dilapidated Buildings create a Condition to be a Menace to Health, Safety and Welfare to Community as is currently situated on 409-A Wainwright Street

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Kidd to approve determination that the dilapidated building(s), as presented by Chief Smith and Ms. Bernie Cullen, create a condition to be a menace to the health, safety and welfare of the community in accordance with MS Code § 21-19-11 as is currently situated on 409-A Wainwright Street, Waveland, Mississippi, 39576. The Board collectively agreed to allow the property owner 30 days to correct the problems with securing the structure as to be air-tight and hiring an exterminator to correct the vermin problem.

Ms. Brenda Herbot, a friend of the property owner (Lawson David Tift) was present representing Mr. Tift and get instruction from the Board as to their decision about this property. Building Inspector, Bill Carrigee recommended garage doors be installed and the boards removed that currently cover the garage. The property owner shall provide the City with written monthly reports as to his progress on the property. Ms. Herbot said the owner did submit a plan to Mr. Carrigee which complies with the 2012 Building Codes. City Attorney said the City reserves the right to order demo of these structures at a later date if the property owner fails to meet this agreement with the City and Board of Mayor & Aldermen.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler Geoffrey, Lafontaine and Kidd

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

BLIGHTED PROPERTIES/FIRE DEPARTMENT/445 WAVELAND AVENUE

Re: Adjudication: The City of Waveland did not meet its burden to demonstrate the property as a burden to the health as is currently situated at 445 Waveland Avenue

Alderman Kidd moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to find that the City of Waveland **did not meet** its burden to demonstrate to that the property located at 445 Waveland Avenue to be a menace to the health, safety and welfare of the community in accordance with MS Code § 21-19-11. **(EXHIBIT A)**

During discussion, Mr. Gary Ewing addressed the Board to let them know that the property had been gutted and expertly cleaned after the storm. The structure appears safe, the interior is clean and the building and interior are in good condition, neither being a menace nor unsafe to the public nor their well being. Mr. Ewing said it is his intention to sell the property.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler Geoffrey, Lafontaine and Kidd

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

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UPDATE: 509 MEADOW LANE

Ms. Bernie Cullen, Blighted Properties Clerk told Board members that she has noticed some progress there with some work being done on the inside of the home and noted an electric pole has been put in the yard to provide electricity to do work.

UPDATE: 207 HUNTER HOLLOW

Ms. Bernie Cullen, Blighted Properties Clerk told Board members that this property's progress is moving at 'a snail's pace' as to cleaning out the cars, trailers, boats, etc. in the yard. She went to the Tax Assessors office and has learned that the taxes have been paid up to 2012, and feels the property taxes will get paid up shortly. This property was listed as RSDE and does not currently have an active building permit. She will continue to watch this property. The front yard has been cut and asked anyone if they have knowledge as to how to contact the owner, Mr. Lance Ryan, please let her know.

UPDATE: 521 JEFF DAVIS AVENUE (CORASS PROPERTY)

Chief Mike Smith said he contacted Ms. Jane Stock with the Hancock County Resource Center who is assembling volunteers to help demo the house. He said it may take until late March, but it will be torn down. He said that if this falls through and the volunteers do not make progress by the end of March, the City will move forward to bid for demolition of the structure(s) on the property. Ms. Cullen will send a letter to the property owner advising her of the final deadline before the City takes action to demo.

CLOSE BLIGHTED PROPERTIES PUBLIC HEARING /ADJOURN

Re: Close Public Hearing for 409-A Wainwright Street and 445 Waveland Avenue

Alderman Kidd moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to close the Blighted Properties Public Hearing with action taken.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler Geoffrey, Lafontaine and Kidd

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

The foregoing minutes of the Blighted Properties Public Hearing of February 19, 2014 will be presented to Mayor Garcia on March 7, 2014.

Lisa Planchard
City Clerk

The Minutes of the Blighted Properties Public Hearing of February 19, 2014 have been read and approved by me on this day the 7th day of March, 2014.

David A. Garcia
Mayor