

BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS

MEETING MINUTES

January 06, 2021 8:15 a.m.

**BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

Members Present: Mr. Anthony McColum, Acting Chairman
Dr. Wayne Paris
Mr. Delbert Allred
Mr. Gary Webb
Mr. Wayland Schroeder
Mr. Lloyd Turner

Staff Present: Mr. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Michael Warrix, Director of Planning and Development Services
Mr. Tim Littlejohn, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services / Building Official
Mr. Chace Craig, Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Clay Door, Community Enhancement Division Manager
Mr. Josh Mares, Code Compliance Officer
Mr. Robert Norton, Code Compliance Officer

Others Present: Mrs. Alicia Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McColum called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and Mr. Robert Norton recorded the minutes. A quorum of members was present, and the meeting proceeded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, December 02, 2020, were provided in advance to Board Members for review.

Mr. Allred made a motion to approve the minutes as written and was seconded by Mr. Webb, motion carried.

AYES: Dr. Paris, Mr. Allred, Mr. Webb, , Mr. Turner, Mr. Schroeder, Mr. McColum

NAYS: None

AGENDA ITEMS & PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case for Rehabilitation, Demolition, or Civil Penalties – Case No. 20-00431: 1326 Burger St. (CRESCENT HEIGHTS, BLOCK A, LOT 4), Owner: Marshall, Robert Ondra

Mr. Mares presented the case, staff recommendation is as follows:

Order: Owner to repair – 30 days to obtain all permits and provide a plan of action including a time frame for repair and cost estimates, and if this is done, 60 days to obtain rough in inspections, and if this is done all final inspections shall be completed by the expiration of all permits.

Pursuant to Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554 the following conditions exist:

- (1) Inadequate Sanitation Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554 (d, e, f, & l)
- (2) Structural Hazard Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554 (d & g)
- (3) Nuisance, Chapter 19-15 (b & d)
- (4) Hazardous electrical wiring Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554
- (5) Hazardous plumbing Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554
- (7) Faulty weather protection Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554 (b, c, d)

The Board posed questions regarding the time line of the case and Mr. Marshall's participation. Details of the case were clarified by Mr. Mares.

Public Hearing:

Mr. McColum opened the public hearing.

There being no speakers, Mr. McColum closed the public hearing.

Mr. Webb made a motion to order the owner to repair, 30 days to obtain all permits and provide a plan of action including a time frame for repair and cost estimates, and if this is done, 60 days to obtain rough in inspections, and if this is done all final inspections shall be completed by the expiration of all permits and was seconded by Mr. Turner, motion carried.

AYES: Dr. Paris, Mr. Allred, Mr. Webb, Mr. Turner, Mr. Schroeder, Mr. McColum

NAYS: None

Case for Rehabilitation, Demolition, or Civil Penalties – Case No. 20-002280 1431 S 6th (OT ABILENE, BLOCK 124, LOT W5 LTS 1 & 2 E40LTS 10, 11, 12 & N150 OF ALLEY), Owner: Smith, Alton and Alicia

Mr. Mares presented case to the board, staff recommendations are as follows:

Order: Owner to repair – 30 days to obtain all permits and provide a plan of action including a time frame for repair and cost estimates, and if this is done, 60 days to obtain rough in inspections, and if this is done all final inspections shall be completed by the expiration of all permits.

Pursuant to Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554 the following conditions exist:

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- (4) Hazardous electrical wiring Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554
- (5) Hazardous plumbing Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554
- (7) Faulty weather protection Chapter 8; Sec. 8-554 (b, c, d)

The Board had questions about ownership and addressing of the structure, along with question about whether permits had been pulled.

Dr. Paris interjected by addressing the Board Chairman and recusing himself from case due to a possible conflict of interest.

Mr. Mares clarified Board's concerns about ownership, addressing, and permit status.

Public Hearing:

Mr. McColum opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Alicia Smith addressed the board with concerns about legality of the hearing, impartiality of the board, and permit pricing.

The board, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Tim Littlejohn had discussion addressing Mrs. Smith's concerns and clarifying questions about the permit process.

There being no other speakers, Mr. McColum closed the public hearing.

Mr. Webb made a motion to order the owner to repair, 30 days to obtain all permits and provide a plan of action including a time frame for repair and cost estimates, and if this is done, 60 days to obtain rough inspections, and if this is done all final inspections shall be completed by the expiration of all permits and was seconded by Mr. Allred, motion carried.

AYES: Mr. Allred, Mr. Webb, Mr. Turner, Mr. Schroeder, Mr. McColum

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Board of Building Standards meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

X Anthony O. McColum

Approved, Chairman