

**Bristol Tennessee Better Property Board
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2018**

Members Present:

Pamela Offield, Chairwoman
Randall Cook, Vice-Chairman
Lonnie Barrett

Staff/Others Present:

Karl Cooler
Cheyenne Powers
Christy Justice

Members Not Present

Wayne Humphrey
John Cartwright

Minutes

With there being no changes to the minutes of the August 23, 2018 meeting, Randall Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Investigations

A. 175 Springdale Road

The property owners, Susan M. & James R. Gentry, were not present. The complaint was fire damaged structure with overgrowth and unregistered/inoperable vehicles. Taxes were current. Staff reported that they had been unable to make contact with the owner through certified mail or from the last phone number obtained through the Fire Department. Staff recommended that the Better Property Board consider holding a public hearing on this property at the October 25, 2018 meeting.

Lonnie Barrett made a motion for a public hearing at the October 25, 2018 meeting due to unsafe structure that is unfit for occupancy with fire damage, overgrowth, and unregistered/ inoperable vehicles. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

None

Trash and Debris

None

Old Business

None

Progress Report

A. 266 Indian Trail

The property owners, William M. and Dorothy B. Holmes, were not present. The complaint was dilapidated vacant structure with overgrowth. Taxes were current. Staff reported that this property had been before the Board on several occasions with the last meeting being held on June 28, 2018 where the Board moved to hear a progress report at the September 27, 2018 meeting. Staff reported that this property was before Municipal Court on August 27, 2018 where Judge James ruled that Mr. Holmes had failed to bring the vehicle into compliance by registering it and the Judge ruled that Mr. Holmes had failed to maintain the weeds and grass to acceptable limits. The Judge ruled that all city stickers were to be removed from the premises by the close of business and they were removed by 10:00 a.m. the same day. The next court hearing was scheduled for October 1, 2018. Staff concluded that a progress report will be given at the October 25, 2018 meeting.

The Board took no action on this item.

B. 1106 Carolina Avenue

The property owner, Robert Mullins, was present. The complaint was dilapidated vacant structure with overgrowth. Taxes were current. Staff reported that the Board issued an order to demolish this structure at the May 24, 2018 meeting, but this order was rescinded at the June 28, 2018 meeting at the request of the owner due to the fact that he was in the process of selling the property to a new owner. At the June 28, 2018 meeting, the Board issued an order to repair on this property. Staff reported that the property had remained secured and the premises had been well kept. Staff recommended no action by the Board at this time and suggested that a progress report be heard at the January 24, 2019 meeting.

Robert Mullins presented the deed to the property showing he had purchased the property. Mr. Mullins indicated that he was keeping the property maintained and he had hired a general contractor to begin work on the property. Mr. Mullins indicated that he was ready to move on renovating the house. Pam Offield questioned if Mr. Mullins planned to live in the home. Mr. Mullins indicated that it was his intention to renovate the house and then post it for sale.

Randall Cook made a motion to hold a progress report on this property at the January 24, 2019 meeting; Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 1707 Florida Avenue

The property owner, Elizabeth Ricker, was not present. The complaint was dilapidated, vacant, nuisance and unsafe structure with trash. Taxes were current. Staff reported that the Board issued an order to demolish on this property at the April 26, 2018 meeting and the house was now demolished. Staff recommended that the Board close the file on this case.

Randall Cook made a motion to close the file on this property; Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. 124 Stine Street

The property owner, Terri McNew, was not present. The complaint was dilapidated, vacant and unsecured structure. Taxes were past due. Staff indicated that the Board issued an order to demolish this structure at the April 26, 2018 meeting. Staff reported that this structure was now demolished and recommended that the Board close the file on this case.

Lonnie Barrett made a motion to close the file on this property; Randall Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. 912 Anderson Street

The property owners, Garry and Teresa Slagle, were present. The complaint was dilapidated house with overgrowth, junk, debris, and inoperable vehicles. Taxes were current. Staff reported that work was progressing on this structure and inspections were being made. Staff recommended that the Board close the file on this case and release oversight of this property as it was no longer a property maintenance concern.

Randall Cook made a motion to close the file on this case due to this property no longer being a property maintenance concern; Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. 700 4th Street

The property owner, Arthur Brewster, was not present. The complaint was dilapidated, nuisance, unsafe structure with fire damage. Taxes were current. Staff reported that an order to demolish was issued by the Board on July 26, 2018 and Mr. Brewster obtained a demolition permit on August 6, 2018. Staff indicated that work had started but was moving extremely slow. Staff recommended that if the house were not demolished by October 6, 2018 that the City complete the demolition.

Randall Cook made a motion that the City be charged with completing the demolition if the owner had not completed the demolition by the date the permit expired on October 6, 2018; Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. 823 Marion Avenue

The property owner, Josh Ellis, was present. The complaint was fire damaged structure with meter pulled. Taxes were current. Staff reported that work was continuing and progress was being made. Staff recommended that the Board consider asking for an update at the December 6, 2018 meeting to give Mr. Ellis time to complete the work.

Mr. Ellis indicated that he would not be able to work on the property until after November 15th due to his work schedule. Pamela Offield questioned if the exterior would be finished by November. Mr. Ellis indicated that it was his intention to complete the exterior as soon as possible.

Randall Cook made a motion to hold a progress report on this property at the December 6, 2018 meeting; Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

H. 313 Orchard Drive

The property owner, J.G. and Lois W. Whitaker, were not present. The complaint was dilapidated, unsafe, vacant, and nuisance structure. Taxes were past due. Staff reported that this property remained secured and was scheduled for the tax sale in early 2019. Staff recommended that the Board move to continue this property to the February 28, 2019 meeting.

Randall Cook made a motion to have a progress report on this property until the February 28, 2019 meeting; Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Future Progress Reports

405 Taylor Street	10-25-18
244 Forest Hills Drive	10-25-18
98 E. State Street	12-06-18
2005 Windsor Avenue	12-06-18

Other Business

Karl Cooler invited the Board members to the annual City of Bristol, Tennessee Boards and Commission dinner scheduled for October 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



Randall Cook
Vice-Chairman