

City of Watseka
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CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2017
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Dewitt, Cahoe, Garfield, Elliott, Barragree, Hoffmann, Alderwomen Ulfers and Foster and Mayor Allhands

GUESTS: Business Owners Rich Laczkowski and Mary Jones, Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Thom Webster

Alderman Charlie Dewitt opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Thom reported on the following properties:

224 E Hickory St.: Status hearing set for 12/26/17

200 W Park Ave.: Status hearing set for 12/26/17

304 W Oak St: LeClairs have lost deed-- how to proceed, Is it possible to have a Sheriffs Sale? Thom will check with Attorney Cainkar.

530 N 2nd St: Status hearing set for 12/26/17

252 N 2nd St.: On hold

224 ½ W Hickory St.: Status hearing set for 12/26/17

Mayor Allhands stated he has talked to County Clerk's office regarding the Iroquois County Trustee. They have told him the County Trustee is in charge of properties but not responsible for them. Mayor Allhands asked Thom to check with the States Attorney's office to see if this correct.

Thom reported he has given Gibson City Hospital an occupancy permit for their offices on E Walnut St. and he has given 1 permit to Edward Jones offices they are remodeling. When done they will have 3 offices in Watseka.

Mayor Allhands stated he is in the process of getting a liquor committee set up.

Alderman Hoffmann asked about the status of 315 N 6th St. Thom reported they have no water and the Police have written them numerous tickets for the debris in the yard. Alderman Hoffmann asked Thom to check with Attorney Cainkar to see what the next step is, possibly a letter and then a lawsuit.

There was also a short discussion concerning Jim Blunks building on E Ash St. Thom stated he has talked to him and Mr. Blunk stated the box truck is sold and will be leaving soon, and he will clean up the pallets.

Mayor Allhands stated he has a meeting set up with Lyons on Friday concerning there building issues.

Mayor Allhands reported he is hopeful Municipal Court will be happening in February.

Mayor Allhands reminded everyone that Finance meeting tomorrow night is at 6:30 and Council is at 7:00.

Alderman Dewitt asked about moving the Code meetings to Tuesday night just before Finance, Mayor Allhands will look into this.

Business Owners Rich Laczkowski and Mary Jones asked the committee about more Gaming Licenses. They reported the word on the street there is a possibility of 4 more licenses being issued. They believe this will be bad for their own businesses that have been long standing businesses in the City for a long time. Alderman Dewitt stated he knows of no possible gaming licenses being issued.

Alderman Dewitt makes a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

Charlie Dewitt, Chairman