

CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
MINUTES

A regular Newport Code Enforcement Board meeting was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Newport Municipal Complex, 998 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In attendance were:

John Atkins, Raymond Butts, Jan Knepshield, Assistant City Manager John Hayden, City Attorney Billy Summe, Code Enforcement Officer Barry Shields, Code Enforcement Manager Mike Cronin, City Clerk Tiffany Myers.

The following member was absent: Mark Marron.

Before the meeting began, all parties providing testimony were given an oath.

Abandoned Urban Property case for 68 Kentucky Drive:

Code Enforcement Officer Barry Shields provided information regarding the property to the Board.

James Redman, 49 Grandview Ave., the owner of 68 Kentucky Drive, stated he was unaware that this property was listed as abandoned property when he purchased this house. He hired an attorney to check into this property before he bought it. The attorney said everything was good. After purchasing the property, he began to clean up the outside of the building.

Code Enforcement Manager Mike Cronin said this building had been condemned since 2012 and has received several citations. Mr. Redman needs to hire a Structural Engineer to inspect the building, and once the engineer gives the green light, the city will do an inspection. Once the city provides the clearance for this property, Mr. Redman can work on fixing it, but he needs to get permits.

Assistant City Manager John Hayden advised Mr. Redman that if this building is approved as an Abandoned Urban Property, his taxes would only be applied at the higher rate for the 2023 taxes. In the meantime, Mr. Redman should go through the proper channels, as previously recommended, to fix this property. Once this property is cleared for human occupancy, the city can remove this property from the Abandoned Urban Property list.

Motion by John Atkins, seconded by Jan Knepshield, to approve 68 Kentucky Drive as Abandoned Urban Property.

Roll Call:

John Atkins Yes

Raymond Butts Yes
Mark Marron Absent
Jan Knepshield Yes

Motion carried- so ordered.

Abandoned Urban Property case for 316 West 7th Street:

Code Enforcement Officer Barry Shields provided information regarding the property to the Board.

Motion by Jan Knepshield, seconded by John Atkins, to approve 316 West 7th Street as Abandoned Urban Property.

Roll Call:

John Atkins Yes
Raymond Butts Yes
Mark Marron Absent
Jan Knepshield Yes

Motion carried-so ordered.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jan Knepshield, seconded by Raymond Butts, to adjourn the meeting. Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Approved: _____

Raymond Butts, Acting Chairperson

Attest: _____

Tiffany Myers, City Clerk