

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CODE ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR
AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING**

November 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Keough called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Councilmembers Present:

Raine, Lander, Vosburg, Keough (Ramsey Absent)

Others Present:

**Interim City Manager Marissa Trejo, Assistant Community Development Director Sean Brewer,
Code Enforcement Officer Joey Ramsey, City Clerk Wanda Earls**

1.2 Changes to the Agenda

None

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

None

**6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS AND POTENTIAL ACTION
ITEMS**

**6.1 Code Enforcement Workshop
Assistant Community Development Director**

Mr. Brewer covered the following topics:

- City Housing Codes
- Public Nuisances
 - 1-4 Notices, Fine
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Dismantled Vehicles
- Wrecked Vehicles
- Inoperative Vehicles
 - Complaint, Inspection, 10-day Notice, Vehicle Removal, Notice to DMV, Cost Recovery Phase
- Unsecured Structures
- Overgrown Trees
- Tall Grass/trash/debris
- Trash Cans
- Verbal Notices
- Notice of Violation
- Re-inspection
- Final Notice
- Abatement/Closure/Citations
- Sections of the Code
- Zoning
 - Fence Violations
 - CUP
 - Signage
 - Building Permits
 - Peddlers
 - Shopping Carts
 - Business
- Enforcement Period 30-90 days
- Housing Standards
- Threats to Life, Health and Safety
- Water
 - Excess Watering
 - Watering Wrong Days
 - Violations 1-4 and fine
- Enforcement Challenges
 - Want Fair Enforcement
 - Create Consistency in Enforcement
- Living/Recreational Homes
- Recreational Vehicles
- May Need Ordinance Update
- Temporary Residence – 72 hours on & off Street
- Trailer Parks
- Graffiti

Mayor Pro-tem Keough said we just don't see much graffiti anymore. Joey is on top of it.

Council Member Comments:

People living in current business and/or in RV's
No residence use in commercial zone.
Driveways addressed in Code Enforcement

Mr. Brewer continued:

Infractions – All code violations should not be infractions.
Misdemeanors
Appeals

Council Member Lander asked to hear from Code Enforcement Officer Joey Ramsey.

Code Enforcement Officer Ramsey said contacting people personally is important. Most need more than 15 days to comply. The Department gets really good compliance. Vehicle problems are difficult because vehicles are moved. Sending Certified Mail notices come back because people won't pick up Certified Mail.

Suggestions by Council Members:

Need adjustments to gray areas
Residents complaints
Need better communications
Our problems are not unique, it is an ongoing situation.
Get information out – create flyers – difficult because of budget
Workshop on “How can we pay for Code Enforcement?”
Sometimes there is no return on investment.
How are other cities paying for Code Enforcement?
We need to do our “due diligence”.
People need to pay for services.
We don't want compliance with coercion.
We need consistent Code Enforcement.
We need to let people know and give time to fix what is wrong.

Council Member Vosburg asked how can the Council assist/help Code Enforcement?

Code Enforcement Officer Ramsey said most don't complain to City but do it on Facebook. People don't realize all that Code Enforcement does.

Mr. Brewer said there are not many complaints but we need to be proactive rather than reactive. We just need consistent enforcement. We do have lots of nonconforming properties. If something has been there 30 years, we won't ask for compliance. We need to allow for none amenity. We can encourage photos but we can't require them.

Council Member Vosburg said Joey does what is needed. He responds and does a great job.

Code Enforcement Officer Ramey mentioned his truck is down. It all reflects on our community pride.

Mr. Brewer said after the first of the year, we will have a new/revised ordinance with suggested changes.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Mayor's Announcements

None

7.2 Council Member Announcements/Reports

None

7.3 City Manager's Announcements/Reports

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. CLOSED SESSION

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-tem Keough adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.


Ron Ramsey, Mayor


Wanda Earls, City Clerk

3-3-16
Date

