

Jonesboro Land Bank Commission
Minutes for Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Via Zoom and City Council Chambers, 300 South Church Street, Jonesboro, AR

Note: We will follow guidelines for public meetings per the Arkansas Department of Health.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jeffrey Herndon, James Hollywood, Jay McLeod, Corey Mills, Dennis Zolper, Gabe Roberts, Bob Warner, Derrel Smith, Ryan Robeson, Heather Owens

Absent: Jeremy Moore, Ray Osment

2. Finding of a quorum

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. November 10, 2020

A motion was made by James Hollywood to approve the minutes, seconded by Dennis Zolper. The motion PASSED unanimously.

4. Old Business

- A. 129 N Bridge - Purchase approved. Resolution 20:022. Sale date pending.

Ryan Robeson stated this sale is still pending the state land commission reopening. He stated the tentative date of reopening is the end of June.

- B. 651 W Huntington Avenue - City Council approved. Delay in purchasing until April 2021.

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5. New Business

- A. 105 and 107 Drake Update

Ryan Robeson stated they are still pursuing 105 Drake.

- B. Donated Properties

Ryan Robeson stated two properties have been donated to the city and have made it through City Council.

- C. 1506 Pratt Circle Interest

Ryan Robeson stated he spoke with the Finance Department and 1506 Pratt Circle may be a property of interest. He stated they have roughly \$5,000 in liens on the property.

Derrel Smith stated they will need to look into the taxes on the property.

James Hollywood asked if there is an existing structure at this location.

Derrel Smith stated it is a vacant piece of property with a house on each side. He stated there is enough land to build a small home there. He stated he believes with the amount of liens they may be able to get it at a reduced cost.

James Hollywood asked about properties located on Johnson near Bridge Street.

Derrel Smith stated the asking price is steep, but we are watching them.

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Bob Warner stated that would help with the block of property they are trying to build there.

D. City Property Moved to Land Bank

Ryan Robeson stated he believes they are moving all city owned property to the Land Bank in order to consolidate all city properties.

E. Cottage Housing Ordinance

Ryan Robeson stated there is a new Cottage Housing Ordinance.

Derrel Smith stated they have brought before City Council a new ordinance that allows for cottage housing in certain areas of Jonesboro. He stated it gives people another way to develop homes in Jonesboro. It allows for a minimum of four and up to twelve single family homes on a lot without going through the subdivision process. They are still required to go through the development code. He stated there are pretty restrictive guidelines regarding how they are built and what amenities are required. He stated this will be another tool for people to redevelop in Jonesboro. He stated it has already had its first reading at City Council and the second is scheduled for next week.

6. Public Comments (3 Minutes Per Person) This is a Zoom meeting only. Public comment will be taken at councilcomments@jonesboro.org or by phone at 870-336-7248.

Bob Warner asked for public comment. There were none.

7. Adjournment

Jay McLeod made a motion to adjourn. The motion PASSED unanimously.