

City of Buxton
Special Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
Buxton Fire Hall

Present: Travis Soderberg, Jeff Siewert, Keaton Flanagan, Holly Aamold, John Proznick, Sara Proznick, Kirk Waslien, Chad Wheeler and Cole Short

Recording: Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Mayor Travis Soderberg

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that the Dennis Riedhammer, owner of the property at 317 Broadway, did not appeal the order of demolition by the deadline date of July 12, 2024. Although, he did send a letter via email on July 16, 2024 to Nilson Brand Law. It was a letter of intent regarding progress and plans to save the building from condemnation. Mr. Reidhammer stated in the letter that demo and hauling away of materials has resumed. He stated that the dangerous roof is no longer existing and that new remodel plans are being drawn up.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Cassie Tostenson, city attorney, proposed three options for the city since there wasn't a formal appeal filed. They are as follows: 1. Proceed with the demolition. 2. Ammend the order to recall its determination of condemnation. 3. Sit on the order, the city can sit and wait on calling in a company to demolish and watch the progress and potentially save some City money.

Holly Aamold asked if we could give Mr. Riedhammer a date and if not completed proceed with demolition. The council agreed that there has been many chances given all ready. Jackie Siewert, city auditor, asked if additional time was given would it affect the legal actions already taken.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that the demolition contractor feels that it would be mid-September when they would be available to demo the building. He also stated that he called Bobbi Hepper-Olson, owner of Hepper Olson Architects, and asked her to drive to the property and give her professional assessment on the state of the building. She stated that there is nothing salvageable in the building and this is coming from someone who restores buildings. This assessment backs up the letter dated November 13, 2023 from Perry Johnson and AE2S which stated that the building is a hazard to the community in its current condition.

Mayor Soderberg asked the residents in attendance of the meeting their thoughts. It was stated that security of the lot and the safety of the building were the biggest concerns. Many kids have been seen walking in and out of the building. It was also noted that during recent work debris was hitting the building next door.

Mayor Soderberg reiterated that there has been too many broken promises and deadlines by the owner. He also stated that as much as many citizens would have liked to see the building restored, they also feel that the building is too far gone.

After further discussion the council came into agreement to proceed with the demolition in mid-September. That would allow the owner to salvage whatever materials and bricks that he chooses prior to demolition. Keaton Flanagan made a motion to schedule the demolition of the property located at 317 Broadway for September 16, 2024; Jeff Siewert seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote. Ayes: Jeff Siewert, Keaton Flanagan, Holly Aamold. Naves: None. Absent: Ben Hershey. Motion carried.

Holly Aamold made a motion to adjourn; Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

City Auditor

Council Member

Mayor